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Berrien County Sheriff's Detective Sgt. Thad Chartrand inspects a Ford Focus involved in a fatal accident in July 2020. Vehicles are stored at the Berrien County Sheriff's Complex on Empire Avenue during active investigations.

The pandemic effect

Traffic was down but fatal crashes rose during pandemic

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

A SUV involved in a fatal accident is pictured Wednesday at the Berrien County Sheriff's Complex on Empire Avenue. Police say while there have been fewer drivers on the road during the pandemic, speeds have increased, along with fatalities.

ST. JOSEPH — As the COVID-19 pandemic ramped up in 2020, millions of Americans focused on remaining safe by staying home.

But those who did take to the highways took advantage of the open roads and drove faster, resulting in more people dying in crashes.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that traffic was down by 17 percent in the first half of 2020, but the rate of fatalities rose by 18 percent from the same period in 2019.

Area police officers fear this trend may continue.

Berrien County Sheriff's Office Detective Sgt. Thad Chartrand said reports of road rage are increasing now as restrictions are lifted and more people hit the roads. He said drivers got used to speeding on the open road, and want to continue to have a shorter commute time.

"We don't go through the day without four or five calls about road rage. People got used to driving faster and they want to continue to do that," he said. "We're getting calls about drivers following too closely or trying to make an unsafe pass."

The Berrien County Sheriff's Office saw fewer traffic fatalities in 2020 than 2019, but the number that were speed-related increased by 100 percent.

Chartrand, an accident reconstructionist, said the department was called to investigate 25 crashes involving 22 fatalities in 2019, and 25 crashes involving 9 deaths in 2020. But 10 of the fatal crashes in 2020 were speed-related, compared to five in 2019.

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DETECTIVE SGT. THAD CHARTRAND
Berrien County Sheriff's Office

"There were fewer cars on the road in 2020, but speeds were higher," he said.

Chief Deputy Robert Boyce said traffic was down significantly for the first three months of 2020 as many people followed stay-at-home orders.

Statewide, the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning reported fewer crashes, down 22.3 percent from 2019 to 2020, but fatalities were up by 6.5 percent, with the increase likely due to greater speeds.

Michigan State Police First Lt. DuWayne Robinson said that 1,032 people died in crashes on Michigan roads in 2020 compared to 985 in 2019, despite traffic volumes being down by as much as 60 percent in the weeks following stay-home advisories and down about 20 percent through the rest of the year.

Robinson said that in District 5, covering nine counties including Berrien, Cass and Van Buren, state police troopers issued 363 speeding tickets between March and November 2020, compared to 214 in the same period in 2019 – a nearly 70 percent increase.

For all of 2020 through November, the number of crashes in the nine-county district

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Vaccine distribution still ramping up

Berrien giving out 90 percent of doses within a week

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — COVID-19 vaccinations have started to outpace the number of infections in Berrien County.

This week the county hit 10,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 13,000 doses of vaccine administered.

"The supply is still ramping up, but we're committed locally to administering 90 percent of doses we receive within a week. We've been meeting that goal," Nicki Britten, health officer for the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD), said during a Facebook Live update Friday.

As of Thursday, the county had given 13,015 doses of vaccine, with 1,662 of those being second doses, according to state figures. That's an additional 4,675 doses over last Thursday. The previous week the county gave about 3,424 doses.

That means about 7 percent of the county's population has received the first dose of the vaccine, based off U.S. Census Bureau population estimates for 2019.

Britten reported Friday that of the about 30,000 people 65 and older in Berrien County, 20,000 have put their name on the BCHD's vaccine waitlist. Of those, the health department has vaccinated about 3,000.

"We're still urging patience. We'll get to you," she said.

Britten said the BCHD should be able to start vaccinating teachers, child care facility staff, and others who work in close proximity to children, in about two weeks.

"We're working closely with all schools, public and private, to make the arrangements," she said. "The increase in vaccine supply that we're expecting should help get that effort strongly underway in the next few weeks."

Most front-line health care workers who wanted the vaccine have received it, though Britten said some are still coming forward to get it.

She said as more vaccines are approved and enter the market, and more providers have access, vaccination efforts are going to start moving much more rapidly.

Week-to-week COVID data

On Friday, Berrien County passed the grim milestone of 10,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19, though the growth rate of new cases continues to decline, as well as hospitalizations.

Of the 10,033 cases, 1,330 are active, with 197 deaths and 8,506 recoveries.

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Mich. OKs Great Lakes oil pipeline tunnel permits

By JOHN FLESHER
AP Environmental Writer

TRAVERSE CITY — Michigan's environmental agency said Friday it has approved construction of an underground tunnel to house a replacement for a controversial oil pipeline in a channel linking two of the Great Lakes.

The decision, a victory for Enbridge Inc., comes as the Canadian company resists Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's demand to shut down its 68-year-old line in the Straits of Mackinac.

Enbridge disputes her claim – echoed by environmentalists and native tribes – that the pipeline segment crossing the 4-mile-wide waterway is unsafe. But Enbridge had earlier sought to ease public concern by striking a deal with Whitmer's predecessor, Republican Rick Snyder, in 2018 to run a new pipe through a tunnel to be drilled beneath the straits connecting Lake Huron and Lake Michigan.

The project requires permits from the state Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Liesl Clark, director of the Michigan agency and a Whitmer appointee, said the company's application satisfied state legal requirements.

"We have issued permits designed to ensure that if a tunnel is constructed, it will be in strict compliance with relevant statutes and adhere to stringent protections against impacts to the Great Lakes," Clark said.

Enbridge has pledged to cover all costs of the $500 million project, which it says will be completed by 2024.

The tunnel "will make a safe pipeline even safer,"

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Michigan Supreme Court declines to hear New Products case

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — The Michigan Supreme Court has declined to hear a dispute over who owns a strip of land at the 18th hole of the Golf Club at Harbor Shores in Benton Harbor

On Wednesday, the court ruled that it would not consider the Michigan Court of Appeals' decision "because we are not persuaded that the questions should be reviewed by this Court."

New Products filed the suit against Harbor Shores in Berrien County Circuit Court in 2011 – a year after the golf course opened. At issue is a 250-foot-wide strip of land between Klock Road and the Paw Paw River. The 4.23-acre strip is west of a New Products warehouse at the corner of Klock Road and North Shore Drive.

"On behalf of everyone associated with the not for profit Harbor Shores development, we are pleased with the MI Supreme Court decision," Jeff Noel, managing director of Harbor Shores, wrote in an email. "At every step along the way, every decision by the courts have been in favor of Harbor Shores having done the right things the right way."

The circuit court ruled in favor of Harbor Shores in March 2018, which was affirmed by the Michigan Court of Appeals in December 2019.

"New Products is an important part of the economic fabric of our community and we look forward to continuing to be a good neighbor to an important organization employing residents of the area," Noel said.

Cheryl Miller, CEO and president of New Products, was unavailable for comment on Friday. Miller has been outspoken in her contention that the land was taken from the company.

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‘Simple is beautiful’: One-shot vaccine proves effective

By LAURAN NEERGAARD and LINDA A. JOHNSON
Associated Press

Johnson & Johnson via AP
A clinician prepares to administer investigational Janssen COVID-19 vaccine.

The first one-shot COVID-19 vaccine provides good protection against the illness, Johnson & Johnson reported in a key study released Friday, offering the world a potentially important new tool as it races to stay ahead of the rapidly mutating virus.

The pharmaceutical giant’s preliminary findings suggest the single-dose option may not be as strong as Pfizer’s or Moderna’s two-dose formula, and was markedly weaker against a worrisome mutated version of the virus in South Africa.

But amid a rocky start to vaccinations worldwide, that may be an acceptable trade-off to get more people inoculated faster with an easier-to-handle shot that, unlike rival vaccines that must be kept frozen, can last months in the refrigerator.

“Frankly, simple is beautiful,” said Dr. Matt Hepburn, the U.S. government’s COVID-19 vaccine response leader.

J&J plans to seek emergency use authorization in the U.S. within a week. It expects to supply 100 million doses to the U.S. by June – and a billion doses globally by year’s end – but declined to say how much could be ready if the Food and Drug Administration gives the green light.

Defeating the scourge that has killed more than 2 million people worldwide will require vaccinating billions.

The shots being rolled out in different countries so far all require two doses a few weeks apart for full protection. Nearly 23 million Americans have received a first dose of Pfizer or Moderna shots since vaccinations began last month, but fewer than 5 million have gotten their second dose.

Also Friday, regulators cleared a third option, AstraZeneca’s vaccine, for use throughout the European Union. The decision came amid criticism that the 27-nation bloc is not moving fast enough, as well as concern that there’s not enough data to tell how well the vaccine works in older people.

J&J studied its one-dose option in 44,000 people in the U.S., Latin America and South Africa. Interim results found the shot 66 percent effective overall at preventing moderate to severe COVID-19, and much more protective – 85 percent – against the most serious symptoms. There were no serious side effects.

LOTTERIES

Friday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
JC-QH-2C-4C-7C
Midday Daily 3
1-9-2
Midday Daily 4
7-8-3-8
Daily 3
9-3-8
Daily 4
5-3-4-4
Fantasy 5
05-09-11-21-27
Keno
02-12-18-21-22-36-37-41-43-44-48-49-54-55-57-59-60-63-65-75-77-78
Mega Millions jackpot
$25 million
Powerball jackpot
$30 million

Thursday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
10-14-25-31-34
Cash4Life
03-31-39-57-59, Cash Ball: 3
Quick Draw Midday
01-07-08-10-11-13-14-18-21-22-25-27-30-36-43-47-53-57-61-67, BE: 13
Daily Three-Midday
9-6-9, SB: 3
Daily Three-Evening
4-2-9, SB: 4
Daily Four-Midday
6-4-8-6, SB: 3
Daily Four-Evening
2-4-2-6, SB: 4
Quick Draw Evening
02-12-21-22-28-32-37-38-50-51-55-56-60-62-63-70-72-75-77-78, BE: 21

Illinois
Lotto
08-10-17-24-38-39, Extra Shot: 22
Estimated jackpot
$4.7 million
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
11-15-17-35-37
Pick Three-Midday
9-8-5, Fireball: 5
Pick Three-Evening
4-4-1, Fireball: 5
Pick Four-Midday
3-8-8-0, Fireball: 4
Pick Four-Evening
2-7-1-9, Fireball: 8
Lucky Day Lotto
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In fight over GOP, state parties stand as firewall for Trump

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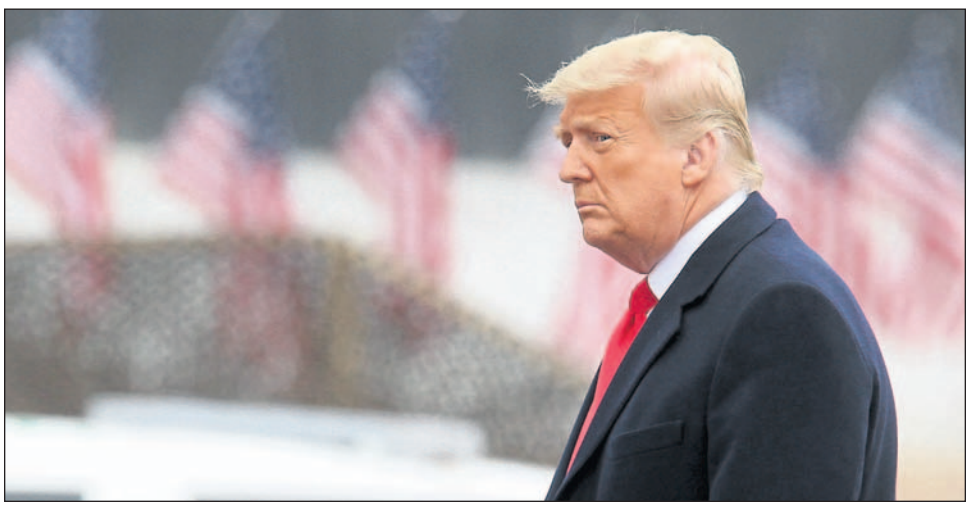

Delcia Lopez / The Monitor via AP
President Donald Trump arrives a section of the border wall near the Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge in Alamo, Texas, on Jan.12.

Donald Trump has mused about forming a third party. But it’s unclear why he needs one.

As he faces an impeachment trial for inciting insurrection, state and county Republican Party committees have rushed to Trump’s defense – highlighting the former president’s firm control of the GOP machinery.

In swing states and GOP bastions, state and local Republican committees are stocked with Trump supporters who remain loyal. Trump critics have been pushed out or marginalized. Party committees from Washington state to South Carolina have moved to punish many of the 10 House Republicans who supported Trump’s impeachment for egging on the deadly Jan. 6 raid of the U.S. Capitol.

Trump’s lock on the party apparatus is the result of a yearslong takeover of an institution he only loosely affiliated with before taking office. The effect amounts to a firewall protecting him and his far-right, nationalist politics from Republicans who argue the party needs a new direction if it wants to win elections.

“It’s come to the point where you have to be with him 100 percent of the time, or you’re the enemy,” said Dave Millage, a former Iowa lawmaker who was pushed out as Scott County GOP chairman after calling for Trump’s impeachment.

On Saturday, the South Carolina GOP will decide whether to censure Republican Rep. Tom Rice for his vote to impeach the former president. It’s a move meant to scar the five-term congressman for what many of his constituents considered a betrayal, said GOP chairwoman Dreama Perdue in Rice’s home Horry County.

In some cases, the state parties’ defense of Trump has exposed the extent to which disinformation, conspiracy theories and views once considered fringe have been normalized in the GOP.

In Oregon, the state party last week released a resolution passed by its executive committee that in part falsely alleged the Capitol attack was a “false flag” designed to embarrass Trump supporters. State parties in Hawaii and Texas have recently tweeted references to the QAnon conspiracy theory, which claims Trump is waging a secret battle against the “deep state” and a sect of powerful devil-worshipping pedophiles including top Democrats.

In other states, the rapid defense of Trump is notable for Republicans’ willingness to double down on Trumpism even after voters rejected it.

The Arizona state party Saturday reelected its controversial Trump loyalist chairwoman, Kelli Ward and censured Trump critics Cindy McCain, former Sen. Jeff Flake and even Gov. Doug Ducey, a Republican Trump supporter who offended the party leadership by certifying Trump’s loss in the state.

In Washington state, several county party committees have called for the removal of the two House members who voted for Trump’s impeachment. Primary challengers have begun lining up to take on all 10 Republican House members who voted to impeach Trump.

Trump’s hold on state parties reflects the ex-president’s continued popularity with the base and the work his political operation has done to plant loyalists in the typically obscure local GOP apparatus. His re-election campaign focused heavily on packing state and county committees with devotees to avoid the spectacle of 2016, when many in the party’s machinery fought Trump’s nomination.

Chuck Coughlin, a Republican strategist in Arizona, said he is troubled by what Ward’s victory says about the party’s inability to shake Trump, the first Republican presidential candidate to lose the state since 1996.

Ward pushed for Trump to “cross the Rubicon” in challenging the results election, he said, a reference to Julius Caesar’s military push toward Rome that sparked a civil war and dictatorship.

“The party as it’s currently defined today, as the party of Trump, cannot win statewide elections in Arizona,” he said. “A smart party would try to figure out how to be more inclusive and not exclusive.”

“Literally, this is idol worship.”

But Trump brought in millions of new voters to the party with his populist approach. And Republicans should welcome those voters decision to stay involved, even when Trump is not on the ballot, argued Constantin Querard, a conservative Republican strategist in Arizona.

“Without Trump, some of them will go home, but some of them will stick around forever,” he said.

Republicans’ worry, however, is that the newcomers drive away other potential Republican voters.

Nearly 5,000 Arizona voters dropped their GOP voter registration in nine days after the Capitol attack, state figures show. In Pennsylvania, another state Trump lost, nearly 10,000 voters registered as Republicans had dropped their GOP affiliation as of Monday, according to data.

Trump’s hold on the party structure isn’t likely to ease soon. In many cases, supporters are elected to posts with multi-year terms and positioned to keep rising.

In Michigan, an establishment Republican fundraiser Ron Weiser is favored to become the next state party chairman. But to bolster his bid for the post, he picked a No. 2 with Trump credentials.

He chose Meshawn Maddock, a conservative activist who organized Michigan’s 19-bus delegation to the Jan. 6 “Stop the Steal” rally and has posted images of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer altered to resemble Adolf Hitler.

If Weiser wins, Maddock will be next line for chairwoman in the battleground state.

IN BRIEF

Ex-aide to Snyder: Dismiss Flint water perjury charge

FLINT (AP) — A former aide to then-Gov. Rick Snyder asked a judge Friday to dismiss a perjury charge in the Flint water investigation, saying he was indicted in the wrong county.

Attorneys for Jarrod Agen said the allegation is related to an interview he gave to investigators in 2017 in Ingham County, not Flint or Genesee County where the indictment was filed.

“Because the single-judge grand juror lacked jurisdiction to charge Mr. Agen, the indictment should be dismissed,” attorney J. Benjamin Dolan said in a court filing.

Snyder is making a similar argument. He’s charged with willful neglect of duty related to the Flint water saga, but his legal team said he worked exclusively in Ingham County.

A spokeswoman for prosecutors said they’ll respond in court.

Ex-prosecutor gets probation after alcohol-related crash

KALAMAZOO (AP) — A former prosecutor who said alcohol abuse had a “complete stranglehold” on him was placed on probation after pleading guilty to driving while visibly impaired when he was in office last spring.

John McDonough, who was the elected prosecutor in St. Joseph County in southwestern Michigan, was arrested in May after crashing his car into a fence near Three Rivers.

A breath test showed a blood-alcohol level just under the legal threshold of 0.08, the attorney general’s office said Friday.

“I have to be sober no matter what or I’m going to end up dead and there’d be too many things I’d give up doing that,” McDonough told a judge Thursday. “This disease had a complete stranglehold on my life.”

Judge Vincent Westra praised him for months of being sober after some early mistakes.

McDonough lost a bid for re-election in the August primary but finished his term.

Motorist strikes, kills 3 cows on road in Zeeland Township

ZEELAND TOWNSHIP (AP) — Three cows have been struck and killed after wandering onto a western Michigan roadway.

The Ottawa County sheriff’s office said eight cows were on the road about 3:30 a.m. Friday in Zeeland Township when authorities arrived after reports of a crash.

One vehicle had hit the three cows that died. The vehicle suffered significant damage, but the driver was not injured.

The road was closed for more than 90 minutes. The uninjured cows were taken to a nearby farm.

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Frozen fun on tap next weekend in St. Joseph

Event will be scaled down, for safety

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Downtown St. Joseph will become a frozen wonderland next weekend as the annual Magical Ice Fest gets underway Friday and continues through that Sunday.

The annual winter ice festival features ice carving, sculptures on display, interactive ice games, and the Ice Fest Chocolate 5K sponsored by the Sunset Coast Striders.

There will be 35-40 ice sculptures located in downtown St. Joseph. Seven of the sculptures will be carved during a demonstration by individual carvers, and three larger sculptures will be carved on-site by teams of carvers. The rest of the sculptures are carved prior to being set throughout downtown.

Amy Zapal, St. Joseph Today executive director, said the organization worked with the Berrien County Health Department to plan for a safe event.

A number of activities have been reduced or eliminated to discourage gatherings. For example the fire and ice bonfire and Ice Wars are canceled. Zapal said those events have been very popular and would likely draw large crowds that would not allow for social distancing.

The festivities kick off Friday with the professional individual carving competition from 5-8 p.m. along Pleasant Street. Carvers will turn blocks of ice into works of art.

There will be a SnowBiz Scavenger Hunt throughout the weekend. Maps can be picked up at the St. Joseph Today Welcome Center, and completing the hunt puts participants in the running for a $25 gift certificate good at any of more than 80 locations.

At 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, runners and walkers can melt a few pandemic pounds in the annual Chocolate 5K.

Participants must wear face masks at all times except while racing. There will be staggered start times, and race results will be posted online to eliminate racers congregating around paper results.

Packet pick-up and same-day registration will be held inside St. Joseph Today with only a limited number of runners allowed inside at a time, and the possibility of another packet pick-up line held outside, with six-foot distancing required.

Ice Interactives from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, will feature a Frozen Fish Toss presented by The Livery, and Ice Tic-Tac-Toe presented by BIGGBY Coffee and Zoup! of St. Joseph.

Professional team carving competition will be along State Street from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. Teams of two will transform eight blocks of ice into frosty creations.

Another event, Countdown to Summer, is running simultaneously with the annual ice festival and continues through May 26.

Don Campbell / HP file photo

Professional ice carver Greg Butauski, of Columbus, Ohio, works with Jason Bartlett, not pictured, as they carve a dinosaur during the 2019 Magical Ice Fest in downtown St. Joseph.

Zapal said the community can support local businesses and restaurants while earning a chance to win weekly prizes. For every $25 spent, participants will receive one entry. Purchases must be made at a St. Joseph Today member location now through May 26, and double entries will be awarded during the ice festival weekend.

One winner will be drawn weekly, Feb. 11 through May 27, and winners will receive a $50 gift card from various St. Joseph Today member businesses.

Entry forms are available at the St. Joseph Today Welcome Center, and purchase receipts must be presented.

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ICE AND SKY

Don Campbell / HP staff

Ice covers the North Pier leading to the St. Joseph lighthouses Friday in St. Joseph. Experts say that the ice coverage over the Great Lakes is well below average so far this year, a trend that is likely as a result of global warming.

From passes to picks

Berrien County recycles outdated park passes

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BERRIEN CENTER — Outdated Berrien County Parks Annual Entrance Passes collecting dust in a box have been turned into unique souvenirs – guitar picks.

Lamanda Hilty, a parks naturalist at Love Creek County Park in Berrien Center, said the idea came about as a way to recycle the expired passes.

"We didn't want to throw them away because that's a lot of plastic," she said. "We wanted to come up with an idea that we could share with the community in some way."

Hilty said they used her brother's guitar pick punch to create the souvenirs, which are available for a donation while supplies last at Love Creek and Madeline Bertrand County Park in Niles. So far, she said the picks have been a hit.

"I think people like them because it's something different," she said.

Not only is it different, but she said it opens the door to having a conversation about repurposing items and conservation.

"Recycling and repurposing items is important because trash is a much bigger problem now than it was several year ago when recycling was becoming popular," she said. "It's important that people see that there are creative things you can do with old things. Maybe this will spark some interest in other people using old things in fun ways."

She said they are still trying to figure out what to do with the leftover plastic after guitar picks are punched out. They centered the punch on the county park's logo, leaving most of the plastic behind.

Jill Adams, environmental property manager with the county, recently gave the Berrien County Board an update on the county's recycling and environmental programs in 2020.

Photo provided

Unique guitar picks made out of outdated Berrien County Parks Annual Entrance Passes are available while supplies last.

In the report, she listed that county staff conducted seven of the nine planned events in 2020, despite the pandemic.

"Staff and vendors made adjustments and got creative with signage and logistics in order to successfully carry out four of the six community recycling events," she said, adding that 1,554 Berrien County residents participated.

More than 75,000 pounds of household chemicals and hazards were collected, meaning they didn't go to the landfill and were disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner.

In addition, more than 1,600 pounds of foam, 7,500 pounds of pesticides and 74,000 pounds of electronics were collected.

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Kiosk coming soon to aid with minor court filings

By LOUISE WREGE
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ST. JOSEPH — People without access to the internet will soon be able to use kiosks to attempt to resolve disputes virtually through MI Resolve, offered by Citizens Medication Services in St. Joseph.

A MI Resolve kiosk is already available for public use at the Ferry Street Resource Center in Niles, with another one expected to be available by April at the Benton Harbor Library in Benton Harbor, said Jenny Miner, executive director of CMS, in a press release.

"This is a truly exciting avenue for ensuring all people have access to resolve disputes in a peaceful and appropriate manner," said Miner. "So often folks with limited resources are left behind or find interaction with the courts overwhelming and confusing in addition to expensive, not to mention the need for transportation to get to and from court appearances."

The kiosks were funded through a grant from the Upton Foundation.

Miner said the program provides a free, quick and easy way of resolving disputes that are typically filed as small claims, general civil and landlord-tenant cases in the district court. If the court case is resolved online, parties may not have to return to court for a hearing or trial. Neighborhood disputes may also be filed on the MI Resolve system.

Photo provided

A kiosk for MI Resolve is available at the Ferry Street Resource Center in Niles, with one coming to the Benton Harbor Library in April.

During mediation, a trained neutral person helps parties identify a solution to a dispute that best works for them. MI Resolve is an online service from the Michigan Supreme Court's State Court Administrative Office.

Citizens Mediation Service is a nonprofit organization providing mediation services to six counties throughout Southwest Michigan.

More information can be found at www.citizensmediation.org, or by contacting Miner by calling 982-7898, or by emailing jenny@citizensmediation.org.

A video explaining how MI Resolve works can be found at courts.mi.gov/HowToMIResolve.

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Drugs

Lemuel P. Hardin, 68, of East High Street, Benton Harbor, 38 months to 40 years in prison, credit for 62 days served, and $198 in costs for delivery/manufacture of narcotics, less than 50 grams cocaine, second offense, Nov. 11, 2020, in Benton Harbor.

Michael W. Shea, 32, of Hills Haven Road, Buchanan, 100 days in jail, credit for 98 days served, $1,728 in fines and costs and 2 years probation for possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, Aug. 6, 2020, in Lake Township; and two concurrent terms of 30 days for breaking and entering, illegal entry without owner's permission and contempt of court, a bond violation, Aug. 22, 2020, in Bridgman.

Devon A. Wardlow-Williams, 33, of Milwaukee, Wis., 90 days in jail, credit for 4 days served, for conspiracy to deliver/manufacture methamphetamine or ecstasy Dec. 3, 2020, in Bridgman.

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IN BRIEF

Eight arrested in drug bust

BENTON HARBOR — Eight Benton Harbor men were taken to the Berrien County jail on Thursday after the Southwest Enforcement Team (SWET), along with the Berrien County Tactical Response Unit (TRU) acted on a search warrant at a house in the 1100 block of Agard Avenue.

Detectives said they found more than 22 pounds of marijuana, nearly 10 pounds of marijuana-infused food products, three pistols, an assault rifle, ammunition, crack cocaine, and other evidence of drug sales.

Police said seven of the men were previously convicted felons.

In addition to Berrien County TRU, SWET was assisted by the Berrien County Sheriff's Department road patrol and the Benton Harbor Department of Public Safety.

SWET is made up of police from the Berrien, Allegan, Barry, Calhoun, Kalamazoo and St. Joseph County Sheriff's Offices; Allegan, Covert Township, Kalamazoo Township, South Haven and Sturgis Police Departments; the Benton Harbor Department of Public Safety and Michigan State Police.

OBITUARIES

Sarah Shapleigh

Nov. 13, 1954 – Jan. 17, 2021

We mournfully announce the death of Sarah Elizabeth Shapleigh, 66, of Chicago on Jan. 17, 2021.

She was born to Elizabeth and Lloyd P. Shapleigh Jr., in Boston, Massachusetts.

Sarah is survived by her mother, Elizabeth; sisters, Lisa (Martin) Koepke, Becky (Irwin Myers) and Laura (Bill) Shaffer; nieces, Lydia Koepke (Luke Misiejuk), Rebekah Shaffer; nephew, Jonathan (Michelle) Shaffer; godson, Alex (Young) Koepke; great-nephew, JJ; and great-niece, Ava.

Sarah lived a full and vibrant life. Her friends and family meant everything to her. Her love of cats started in childhood with Minnie Boy. Other feline favorites were Xerox, Moose Boy, Prince Valium (PV1) and PV2.

Sarah graduated from Lakeshore High School in 1973. She moved to Chicago in the late 1970s after receiving a BFA in studio art from Michigan State University. In the 1980s, she returned to school, working toward an M.A. in art therapy and later obtained a CADC certification in substance abuse counseling.

She graduated from Jane Addams School of Social Work, University of Illinois with an MSW, focusing on adult mental health. She worked in Uptown providing agency and residential work. In 2001, she began working in private practice.

In addition to her counseling career, Sarah was a fine artist. She produced many inspired drawings, paintings and collage works. Friends and family looked forward to receiving her unique cards.

Sarah knew how to find fun. She loved movies, theater, books, the Chicago Cubs, cultural events, and shared wonderful recommendations with her friends and family.

She loved traveling to Maine, where she summered as a child, and kept the tradition going through her entire life.

Sarah was an inspiration at family gatherings. She always told great stories, and came prepared to share fun art projects for everyone to enjoy. There was never a dull moment when Sarah visited. She knew how to keep conversations going and the laughter flowing.

Sarah made the world a better place by helping others through her professional career and being a source of joy to friends and family.

Final arrangements will be announced at a later date through www.caringcremations.com.

Memorials can be made to the Shapleigh Family Association, P.O. Box 146, Kittery, ME 03904; your local Pet Adoption agency; or the charity of your choice.

Richard Edward Widdis

Feb. 5, 1971 – Jan. 28, 2021

Richard "Rick" Edward Widdis, 49, of Baroda was unexpectedly called home to be with his Lord and Savior Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021, at Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Hwy, Bridgman, with the Rev. Rich Zieger officiating. Friends may meet with the family from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery, Bridgman.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Baroda Lions Club, PO Box 85, Baroda, MI 49101. A live stream of the service and online condolences at www.PikeFH.com.

Rick was born Friday, Feb. 5, 1971, in St. Joseph the son of Robert "Bob" Paul and Caroline Ann (Klug) Widdis. He graduated from Bridgman High School in 1989 and attended Lake Michigan College. He had a lifelong career in tractor sales at his family's business, H.F.S Tractor Sales and Service, and continued with Asura Kubota after the family business was sold.

He met the love of his life, Angela Dee McVay from Watervliet, in 1988 and they were married in 1993, sharing 27 years of marriage together. From this union they had their pride and joy, Isabel DeeAnn.

Rick was a quiet man, who had high integrity and honor. He had a love for reading, history, traveling and spending time gardening. As a family the Widdis' operated a farm stand called Widdis Gardens and Gifts that kept them busy throughout the spring and summer.

Rick was named one of the 2020 Outstanding 4-H Leaders for his role in running the Tractor Operators Program through the Berrien County 4-H Youth Development Program. Rick started as a leader teaching with his father over 27 years ago.

Rick was known for his service to his fellow man. He enjoyed serving others through his work with the Baroda Lions Club.

Rick is survived by his wife, Angela; his daughter, Isabel; mother, Caroline; sister, Tina (Dave) Cramton, and their children: Tyler and Jenna; in-laws: Clinton "Boudy" and Debi McVay; brother-in-law, Jason (Brandy) McVay, and their son, Deklyn; his godparents: Dorothy Thar, and Gary Sommers; and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

Rick was preceded in death by his father, Bob Widdis; grandparents: Harold and Mary Widdis, and Edward and Clara Klug.

Death notices

Virginia Lee Baldwin, 86, died Jan. 24, 2021, at home. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Lester Elwell, 73, of St. Joseph died Jan. 27, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Arne Nystuen, 85, of Stevensville died Jan. 25, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Debra Lee Ferney, 67, of Bridgman died Jan. 18, 2021, at West Woods of Bridgman. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Richard Widdis, 49, of Baroda died Jan. 28, 2021. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Virginia Lee Baldwin

July 19, 1934 – Jan. 24, 2021

Virginia Lee Baldwin, 86, passed away peacefully Jan. 24, 2021, at her home.

She was born July 19, 1934, the daughter of Thomas (Tony) and Josephine (Tripi) Damico.

Virginia was born and raised in Benton Harbor. She loved her hometown and remained there her entire life. She graduated from Saint John's Catholic School and attended Lake Michigan College. Virginia knew the Lord had plans for her to be a mother. She married Orville Baldwin in 1955 and had seven children who meant the world to her. As the family grew, she became a loving Nana to many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Virginia worked at Lakeland Medical Center for over 20 years, retiring at the age of 75. She enjoyed her job and meeting people. Virginia loved movies from a very young age. She also was an avid reader, and excellent crossword puzzle solver, and enjoyed doing crafts. She was very talented at photo projects and put together beautiful scrapbooks.

Her faith in God was strong and a true example of how love and trust in the Lord can help us to overcome barriers. She was a member of St. John and St. Bernard Catholic Parish.

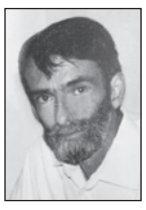
Virginia leaves to cherish her memory, her children: Randall Baldwin of St. Joseph, Tim (Phyllis) Baldwin of Watervliet, Mary Baldwin of St. Joseph, Janice (Daniel) Baldwin of Benton Harbor, Sharon Christians of Benton Harbor, Regina Sando of Coloma, and Jennifer (Mike) Howell of Benton Harbor. She also left her love to many grandchildren: Susan Baldwin, Nicholas Baldwin, Brian Shockley, Chris Shockley, Mike Shockley, Lisa Allerton, Bobby Allerton, Timothy Allerton, Rachel Allerton, Anthony Baldwin, Jeffrey Hoadley, Joshua Hoadley, Joseph Hoadley, Monica Hogue, Jonathon Baldwin, Daniel Gerstenberger, Sarah Horton, Stephanie Martin, Kenneth Christians, Peter Sando and Jacob Howell. Virginia also cherished her great-grandchildren; a sister, Lorraine Polfus of Benton Harbor; and a brother, Philip Damico of St. Joseph.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother; and two infant siblings.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Those wishing to leave a condolence online may do so at www.purelycremation.org.

Lester Elwell

Jan. 17, 1948 – Jan. 27, 2021



Lester "Les" Elwell, 73, of St. Joseph passed away Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

Private family celebration of life services were held due to COVID-19 precautions. Donations can be made in memory of Les Elwell to the REACH Foundation, (Reaching Excellence through Academic and Challenging Heights) 3276 Snyder Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022. Those wishing to sign Les' memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com. Arrangements are entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph.

Les was born on Jan. 17, 1948, in Battle Creek, to Marvin and Priscilla (Austin) Elwell. He graduated from Climax Scotts High School in Climax, Mich., class of 1966 and went on to earn his bachelor's and master's degrees in social work from Western Michigan University.

On June 7, 1997, Les was married to the former Audrey Morris at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Benton Harbor by the Rev. Emery Varrie and Audrey's brother, the Rev. Dr. Edward J. Morris Sr.

Les was employed his entire career in social work, beginning at St. Joseph Public Schools, followed by Riverwood Mental Health Center, and retired from Benton Harbor Area Schools. He was a member of the First Congregational Church in St. Joseph and the Twin City Camera Club. Les' faith was a very important part of his life. He accepted the Lord Jesus Christ in his youth. In his free time, Les enjoyed photography, being outdoors, fly fishing, reading and tracing his family's genealogy. He was an advocate for youth and was a devoted husband, father and brother. Les was known for taking photos and making elaborate albums for display and creating lasting memories.

Les is survived by his wife of 24 years, Audrey; two sons: Josh (Nancy) Elwell and Ben Elwell; his niece, Psychelia (Vontoba) Terry; siblings: Michael (Marijo) Elwell, Jonathan (Joellen) Elwell, Christine (Tom) Lyster; his brother-in-law, Bret Lantis; and his god-daughter, Yavonda M. Day.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Michele Lantis.

Kathleen Montei

March 5, 1942 – Jan. 22, 2021

Kathleen Kellner Montei passed away peacefully on Jan. 22, 2021, at Chippenham Hospital, Richmond, Va.

She was born in Evansville, Ind., on March 5, 1942, the only child of the late Jesse Charles Kellner Jr., and Norma Ruth Ising Kellner.

A graduate of St. Joseph High School, she met the love of her life, Terry, while hanging out with friends on Silver Beach. They remained together while dad was at Ferris State, and after he joined the U.S. Army, they soon married in Fort Benning, Ga., in 1964, and for the next 23 years she enjoyed life as a military wife and mother. After retiring in 1985 in Prince George, Kathy became very passionate about the outdoors, especially gardening, floral arranging, and yard work. In addition, she was a member of the Nathaniel Causey Garden Club, a faithful volunteer at the Prince George Heritage Center, and was especially proud of her work to attain Blue Star Memorial Highway status for a section of road in Prince George County.

Kathy is survived by her husband, Terry; children: Mike (Jane) Montei of Summerville, S.C., and Amy Montei Ramsey (Marshall) of Richmond, Va., grandchildren: Allison Montei Lotz (Matthew), Sarah Montei, and Evan Ramsey; and great-grandchildren: Emma Grace Lotz and Harrison Lotz.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Prince George County Heritage Center, 6406 Courthouse Road, Prince George, VA 23875. Due to COVID-19, a celebration of life will be at a later date.

Robert Louis Krieger

July 3, 1933 – Jan. 25, 2021

Robert "Bob" Louis Krieger, 87, of Bridgman passed away on Monday, Jan. 25, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2021, at Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman, with Father Arthur Howard officiating. Burial will follow in Graceland Cemetery, Bridgman. Friends can meet with the family from noon to 2 p.m. prior to the service.

Memorial contributions can be given to Berrien County Cancer Service, 3900 Hollywood Road, St. Joseph, MI 49085; or Pheasants Forever, 1783 Buerkle Circle, St. Paul, MN 55110.

Online condolences can be left at www.PikeFH.com.

Bob was born July 3, 1933, in Three Oaks, the son of the late Robert and Ernestine (Schmidt) Krieger.

He married his childhood sweetheart, Joan "Dolly" Rambo, when he was on leave from the 82nd Airborne on Sept. 11, 1954. They shared 55 years together, and she preceded him in death on Feb. 11, 2010.

Bob worked for 20 years for Harold Zieger Plumbing, and then became a partner in Rambo Nurseries until his passing. He was a true outdoorsman and was passionate about nature. He had a love for hunting, fishing, farming and gardening, as well as being a rare bird owner and enthusiast. He could always be heard whistling, and never missed his grandchildren's sporting events.

Robert is survived by his four children, Robert (Jan) Krieger, Mark (Jennifer) Krieger, Pamela Krieger and Cheri (Ted) Hendricks; grandchildren, Todd (Rachel) Hendricks, Natalie (Josh) Petiprin and Matthew Hendricks; great-granddaughters, Sadie Hendricks and her soon-to-arrive sister, and Jett Petiprin; stepgrandchildren, Cheri (Mike) Melone, Tiffany Stone and Sara Conklin; stepgreat-grandchildren, Owen and Trent; siblings, Ruby May, Virginia Fryer, Mildred Dolezel and Arlene Harfert; and a dear friend, Bonnie Miller.

He was preceded by his brother, Chester Krieger; sister, LaVerne Zieger; stepfather, Richard Scovel; and stepbrother, Carter Scovel.

Arne Nystuen

Jan. 19, 1936 – Jan. 25, 2021

Arne Nystuen, 85, of Stevensville departed this life on Monday, Jan. 25, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph.

Arne was born on Jan. 19, 1936, to the late Albert and Marie (Wangen) Nystuen in Crosby, N.D., and was the last of seven children. He was raised on the farm that his father and mother homesteaded after they emigrated from Norway. After high school Arne attended North Dakota State University where he earned a bachelor of science in engineering in 1958. In 1960 Arne headed to Rolla, Missouri, and was a graduate instructor in the engineering program.

In 1961 he married Sharon Svare and they moved to St. Louis. He then earned his master of science in electrical engineering at St. Louis University while employed with Emerson Electric. In 1967, Arne accepted employment with Whirlpool Corporation. While there he received 13 patents and was honored to receive the Elisha Grey Award for outstanding scientific achievement. He retired from Whirlpool in 1996.

Arne will be remembered by his wife, Sharon; sons: David (Marion) and Christopher; daughter, Andrea; and grandsons: Ryan and Takoda Nystuen; as well as many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, at Christ Lutheran Church with Pastor Martin Measel. Burial will follow at Hickory Bluff Cemetery in Stevensville. Friends may visit with the family prior to the service from 10 to 11 a.m., at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christ Lutheran Church or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Debra Lee Ferney

Feb. 3, 1953 – Jan. 18, 2021

Debra Lee Ferney, 67, of Bridgman passed away on Monday, Jan. 18, 2021, at West Woods of Bridgman.

The family will be remembering Debbie privately. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Debbie was born on Feb. 3, 1953, in St. Joseph, the daughter of late Charles Edger and Carol Lee (Beilman) Ferney. She worked on the line in the automotive industry. Debbie grew up in the Lutheran faith and read her Bible regularly. She loved her Bible and her church.

Survivors include her daughter, Jamie Ferney; two grandchildren: Kristin Smith and Dylan Smith; great-grandson, Bentley Blakeman; siblings: Charles (Sharon) Ferney and Kathy Kocsis; and stepmother, Jean Ferney.

Debbie was preceded by her brother, Scott Ferney.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Boyd Chapel of Pike Funeral and Cremations Service, 9191 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

ST. JOSEPH – The following marriage licenses have been issued by Berrien County Clerk Sharon Tyler:

Kristen Minuet Busick of Battle Creek and Thorn Lamar Lewis of Niles.

Kelly Lynn Wilkins-Martindale of St. Joseph and William Lester Snider III

BIRTHS

Lakeland Medical Center – Niles

Berrien Springs – Boy, 8 pounds, 10 ounces, Amy Cassidy and David Helnke, 4:38 p.m., Jan. 19.

Lakeland Medical Center – St. Joseph

Benton Harbor – Boy, 7 pounds, 1 ounce, Angel Cannon and Jermont Mathis, 10:57 a.m., Jan. 24.

Benton Harbor – Girl, 6 pounds, 12.6 ounces, Chantill and Jaques Willis-Peterson, 5:56 p.m., Jan. 21.

Benton Harbor – Boy, 6 pounds,11 ounces, Candy Henry, 8:18 a.m., Jan. 25.

Benton Harbor – Boy, 8 pounds, 14 ounces, Brittni and Seth Jackson, 5:29 p.m., Jan. 25.

Dowagiac – Girl, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, Letisia Medora, 9:07 p.m. Jan. 22.

Edwardsburg – Boy, 6 pounds, 11.9 ounces, Starr and Jordan Devenney, 3 p.m. Jan. 21.

Watervliet – Girl, 7 pounds, 6.9 ounces, Tori Scott, 6:49 a.m., Jan. 22.

Getting it straight

The Herald-Palladium makes every effort to ensure accuracy in its stories.

If you think there is an error, please contact the editor of the page on which it occurred. If you are unsure of whom to contact, call Local News Editor Dale Brewer at 429-3797.

■ An entry in Thursday's Do You Remember feature had an incorrect entry for 1996. St. Joseph High School's 55-46 victory over Portage Northern occurred in 1986.

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COURT

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Assault

James R. Griffin, 52, of South M-139, Benton Harbor, 2-6 years in prison, credit for 84 days served, and $198 in costs for attempted assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, an assault on a woman, Oct. 27, 2020, in Eau Claire.

Arreanna N. Johnson, 24, of Crystal Court, Benton Harbor, 2 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, for assault or assault and battery Sept. 3, 2020, in Benton Township.

Robert E. Bland, 40, of Cherokee Trail, Benton Harbor, 2 concurrent terms of 1 year in jail, credit for 151 days served, and $248 in costs for domestic violence, second offense, an assault on a woman, and assaulting/resisting and obstructing Benton Harbor Public Safety Officer Jacob Wright Aug. 23, 2020, in Benton Harbor.

Assaulting/resisting police

Antione Q. Fox Jr., 19, of Crystal Court, Benton Harbor, 4 days in jail, credit for 4 days served, $1,698 in fines and costs and 18 months probation for assaulting/resisting and obstructing Berrien County Sheriff's Deputy Robert Hahn Nov. 20, 2020, in Benton Township.

Gregory Laquar-Leighton Tucker III, 27, of Lansing, 150 days in jail, credit for 51 days served, for assaulting/resisting and obstructing Watervliet Police Sgt. Joshua Allen Nov. 11, 2020, in Watervliet.

Drunken driving

Jonathan R. Lurkins, 35, of Sunset Road, Benton Harbor, 120 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, $2,258 in fines and costs, 480 hours community service, 18 months probation and completion of the Kalamazoo Probation Enhancement Program for operating while intoxicated, third offense, March 16, 2020, in Hagar Township.

Weapons violation

Timothy A. Brewster II, 18, of West Shawnee Road, Baroda, 180 days in jail, credit for 111 days served, $2,398 in fines and costs, 50 hours community service, 3 years probation and completion of the Kalamazoo Probation Enhancement Program for attempted carrying a concealed weapon Feb. 9, 2020, in New Buffalo Township.

Breaking/entering

Dakota J. Lear-Eckman, 29, of Kalamazoo, 2 concurrent terms of 210 days in jail, credit for 78 days served, $2,568 in fines and costs, 90 days on SCRAM tether and 2 years probation for breaking and entering a building with intent and receiving/concealing stolen property, a motor vehicle, Oct. 25, 2020, in Baroda Township.

Larceny

Maxx C. Schultz, 28, of North Paw Paw Street, Coloma, 1 year in jail, credit for 43 days served, and $198 in costs for larceny $1,000 to $20,000, stealing hemp plants, Oct. 29, 2020, in Sodus Township.

Tampering with tether

Wendell D. Meeks Jr., 39, of Edgecumbe Avenue, Benton Harbor, 90 days in jail and $198 in costs for tampering with an electronic device, removing a jail tether, Nov. 23, 2020, in Benton Harbor.

Failure to pay support

Yuri K. Smith, 45, of Sacramento, Calif., 12 days in jail, credit for 12 days served, $738 in costs and $11,185 in restitution and 18 months probation for desertion/abandonment/non support of minor children between Sept. 1, 2005 and July 31, 2006, in Berrien County.

LEGISLATIVE ROLL CALL

The new 101st Michigan Legislature resumed sessions this week after a week-long suspension. It will likely be several more weeks before new bills advance through committees and are taken up by the full House or Senate for a vote.

There was one politically meaningful action this week when the Senate Republican majority brought forward a vote to disapprove 13 administrative board and commission appointments made by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

This was said to be a protest against Gov. Whitmer for not engaging the legislature in the state's coronavirus epidemic response decisions, and passed on a 19-14 party line vote with three members absent.

Five proposals to amend the state constitution have been introduced in the legislature's opening days, and are described below. To become law, constitutional amendments must be placed on the ballot and approved by a majority of voters. To be placed on the ballot a constitutional amendment proposed by legislators must receive a two-thirds majority vote in the House and Senate.

Senate Joint Resolution A: Remove university spending from allowable School Aid Fund uses

Introduced by Sen. Tom Barrett (R), to place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment to strip-out language currently in the Constitution of 1963 allowing tax revenue earmarked to the state "School Aid Fund" to be used for state universities. Tax dollars earmarked to this fund could only be spend on K-12 public schools and community colleges.

Senate Joint Resolution B: Equalize school district funding

Introduced by Sen. Tom Barrett (R), to place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment to require that by Oct. 1, 2024, all school districts receive the same amount of total state and local per pupil revenue for school operating purposes.

Senate Joint Resolution C: Repeal constitutional prohibition on graduated state income tax

Introduced by Sen. Jeff Irwin (D), to place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment to repeal the current prohibition on imposing a graduated state income tax (as opposed to Michigan's current flat tax). This would not apply to the income taxes imposed by some Michigan cities.

House Joint Resolution A: Require two-thirds vote on "lame duck" session bills

Introduced by Rep. Jason Wentworth (R), to place before voters in the next general election a Constitutional amendment to require that bills passed in a "lame duck" legislative session held after the election in an even year must get a two-thirds House and Senate majority vote to become law.

House Joint Resolution B: Ban lame duck legislative session after election

Introduced by Rep. Gary Howell (R), to place before voters in the next general election a Constitutional amendment to prohibit lame duck" legislative sessions in even years (meaning election years). The proposal would make the Friday before the November general election the last day legislative sessions may be held in even years.

SOURCE: MichiganVotes.org, a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, providing concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. Please visit www.MichiganVotes.org.

PERMITS

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spokesman Ryan Duffy said, describing the permit approval as "an important milestone" for a project "virtually eliminating the potential for any release from Line 5 into the straits."

Environmental groups and tribes fighting to decommission Enbridge's Line 5, which transports oil and natural gas liquids used in propane between Superior, Wisconsin, and Sarnia, Ontario, sharply criticized approval of permits for the tunnel. They say it would pollute waters, harm fish and damage shoreline wetlands while boosting use of fossil fuels that promote global warming, which Whitmer and President Joe Biden have pledged to fight.

"A huge disappointment," said Liz Kirkwood, executive director of Traverse City-based For Love of Water, saying the decision was "directly at odds" with the logic behind Whitmer's shutdown order and that legal challenges were likely.

State officials emphasized the tunnel project was a separate legal matter from the dispute over the existing pipeline, which was laid in 1953. The underwater segment splits into two pipes, 20 inches in diameter, stretched across the bottom of the straits.

Critics contend they are vulnerable to a rupture that could contaminate Great Lakes waters and shorelines, a hazard that became more urgent after a barge anchor was dragged across them in 2018, doing minor damage.

Whitmer last fall ordered a shutdown of Line 5 by May, saying Enbridge repeatedly had violated an easement allowing pipeline operations in the straits. The company is challenging the order in federal court and says it won't comply.

Enbridge insists the lines have never leaked and remain in good condition. It has taken steps to prevent future anchor strikes and says the tunnel project would eliminate that danger.

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel unsuccessfully challenged in court a law authorizing the tunnel agreement that was enacted shortly before Snyder's term as governor expired.

Opponents then urged rejection of permits for the project. Engineers who studied the company's application documents at the request of environmental groups said Enbridge hadn't taken enough core samples and that uneven bedrock formations could lead to boring machine breakdowns.

Carlos Osorio / AP file photo

The Mackinac Bridge that spans the Straits of Mackinac as seen from Mackinaw City in July 2002. Michigan's environmental agency said Friday it had approved construction of an underground tunnel to house a replacement for a controversial oil pipeline in a channel linking two of the Great Lakes.

They warned about potential collapse of the tunnel, methane leaks that could endanger workers, and bentonite clay used for lubrication and stability that could pollute the lakes and bottomlands if released.

Leaders of the state environment department said they hired a consulting firm with tunneling expertise to assist a nine-month review of Enbridge's plans that included consideration of critics' objections.

It found the project would have "minimal impact" on water quality and wetlands, said Teresa Seidel, director of the department's Water Resources Division. State law didn't allow for consideration of potential effects on climate change, she said.

One permit allows Enbridge to build the tunnel beneath submerged lands and to disturb wetlands on the north shore of the straits.

About 0.13 wetland acres, an area the size of one-tenth of a football field, would be damaged. Enbridge will compensate by conserving 1.3 wetland acres and supporting other protections.

A second permit will regulate wastewater from the project, which will be treated at an onshore plant. About 1.4 million gallons will be discharged daily into the lakes and will have to meet standards to protect fish and other aquatic life.

Enbridge must notify the state if the plant exceeds 65 percent of its operating capacity. If it hits 100 percent, construction work will stop.

The state Public Service Commission will decide whether to allow placement of the new pipe in the tunnel.

The project also needs a Clean Water Act permit from the Army Corps. Among issues for federal consideration is the recent discovery of a possible underwater Native American cultural site in the area of the pipeline. The state permit requires avoidance of damage to such sites.

But area tribes said the Whitmer administration hadn't kept a promise to consult meaningfully with them and share relevant information.

While the decision itself is a letdown, "it is even more heartbreaking to say that this type of 'rubber stamp' approval without considering tribal treaty rights is something tribal nations are accustomed to," said Whitney Gravelle, attorney for the Bay Mills Indian Community.

CRASHES

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was down 22 percent, but fatalities were up by 7 percent.

"Our main goal is to educate people, so all motorists are safe. We only issue tickets when we don't think a verbal warning would be enough. Giving out tickets is not something we enjoy, especially when people are already struggling financially," Robinson said. "But police take it personal when people are hurt or killed in crashes. It bothers us."

He said most of the incidents of excessive speed, defined as 25 mph or more over the speed limit, occurred on I-94, U.S. 131 and I-75.

"During the stay-home advisories, some people were still commuting to work. Normally, speed adjusts itself because of traffic with all the commuters. But there was far less traffic, and drivers took advantage of that," he said. "And the faster you go, the chance of being injured or killed goes up exponentially."

Robinson said he has also seen an increase in non-compliance with seat belt laws.

"People are letting their guards down. The world has been shaken, and you throw everything you've learned out the window," he said. "Don't throw away all the values and morals you've learned over the years, even if you don't see as many police officers on the road."

Robinson said this is a difficult problem to address because driving behavior is difficult to change.

"We're constantly under pressure, and we're impatient. The newer cars ride smoother and that makes it easier to go faster," he said. "Why are people in such a hurry during a pandemic?"

Robinson said at least half of U.S. states, including Michigan, have recently increased speed limits on major roads. He said crashes and fatalities already were up since Michigan increased speed limits on interstates in 2017.

"Then when there is less traffic, we drive even faster. This (the increase in fatalities) is driven almost exclusively by speed," he said. "In the long term, should we be looking at speed limits? Did we go too far?"

Police believe another factor in the increase in speeds and fatal crashes last year is that when there is less traffic, people are more likely to drive distracted. For example, a driver is more likely to look at his or her phone while driving if there is not much traffic.

"Just because there is less traffic, that's not a license to speed or look at a phone, or not use a seat belt," Robinson said. "We're going to continue to push for the good behaviors we've worked so hard for over the years. You can't deny the data, it's there."

He said state police will be sending out messages via social media, and in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Transportation, will work to put messages on electronic billboards to reinforce those efforts.

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1996 – 25 years ago

Fluoride applications will be offered to Watervliet-area children again this summer, according to Mrs. Ross Burger, chairman of the topical fluoride committee. The program, sponsored by Michigan Public Health and the Watervliet PTA, will be available to preschoolers, kindergartners, second, fifth and eight graders. Children's teeth will be cleaned on the first of four visits necessary at the clinic. A fluoride solution will be applied to the surface of the teeth during each visit.

1986 – 35 years ago

About 300 people attended a memorial service to honor the Challenger Space Shuttle crew on Wednesday night at Pioneer Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church on the Andrews University campus in Berrien Springs. Pastor Dwight Nelson said he thought it fitting that the church join in the community in the common sorrow and loss of the crew.

1971 – 50 years ago

The extensive civic improvement efforts of the people in Berrien Springs in 1970 have been recognized with a Distinguished Achievement award in the national clean-up contest. The contest is the oldest and largest in the nation, according to its sponsors, the National Clean-up-Fix-up Bureau and Union Carbide Corp. The city's comprehensive scrapbook entry was singled out for top honors after being compared with hundreds of entries from other cities of few than 25,000 people. The judges said they were "most impressed by the scope and variety of the village's achievements and the close cooperation shown by various participating groups." The village's award will be presented Feb. 23 at ceremonies in Washington, D.C.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Saturday, Jan. 30, the 30th day of 2021. There are 335 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Jan. 30, 1948, Indian political and spiritual leader Mohandas K. Gandhi, 78, was shot and killed in New Delhi by Nathuram Godse, a Hindu extremist. (Godse and a co-conspirator were later executed.)

On this date:

In 1649, England's King Charles I was executed for high treason.

In 1862, the ironclad USS Monitor was launched from the Continental Iron Works in Greenpoint, New York, during the Civil War.

In 1933, Adolf Hitler became chancellor of Germany.

In 1945, during World War II, a Soviet submarine torpedoed the German ship MV Wilhelm Gustloff in the Baltic Sea with the loss of more than 9,000 lives, most of them war refugees; roughly 1,000 people survived.

In 1968, the Tet Offensive began during the Vietnam War as Communist forces launched surprise attacks against South Vietnamese towns and cities; although the Communists were beaten back, the offensive was seen as a major setback for the U.S. and its allies.

In 1972, 13 Roman Catholic civil rights marchers were shot to death by British soldiers in Northern Ireland on what became known as "Bloody Sunday."

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly Cloudy	Snow Likely	Snow Likely	Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
32°	26°	31° / 23°	30° / 20°	32° / 21°	35° / 28°

Local Outlook

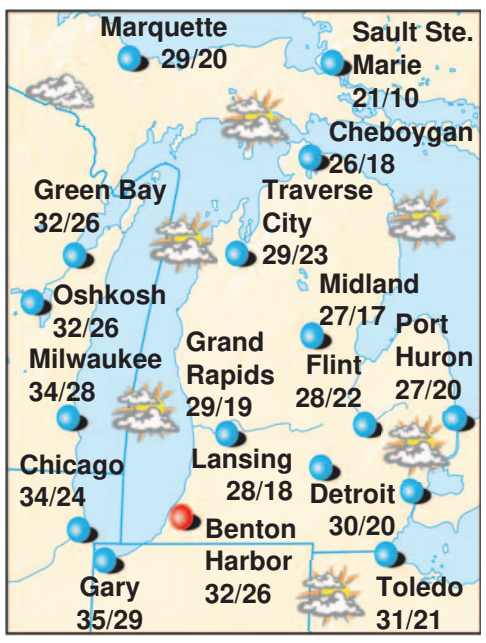
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of snow, high temperature of 32°, humidity of 63%. East southeast wind 13 to 18 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 100% chance of snow, overnight low of 26°. East wind 19 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 8:00 a.m.
Sunset ..... 5:58 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 8:12 p.m.
Moonset ..... 9:29 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
2/4	2/11	2/19	2/27

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	31°
Low	23°
Normal High	32°
Normal Low	16°
Record High	59° in 2013
Record Low	-7° in 2019

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.96"
Normal for month	1.63"
Year to date	0.96"
Normal Year to date	1.63"

Air Quality

Yesterday 35
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

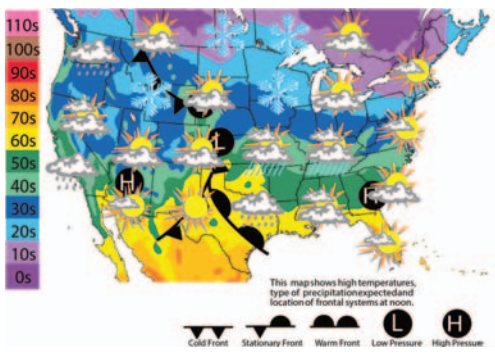
Weather Trivia

How long does it take light to travel from the sun to reach the earth?

Answer: It takes about 8 minutes.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Jan. 30, 2021



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Lake Michigan

Today, ESE wind 12 to 17 kt, with gusts as high as 25 kt. Mostly cloudy. Waves 1 ft or less. Water temperature 32 degrees.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 20s. East southeast wind 6 to 13 mph. Expect cloudy skies Sunday with isolated snow showers, highs in the 20s and 30s. East northeast wind 11 to 17 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 20s and 30s. East southeast wind 13 to 18 mph. Expect cloudy skies Sunday with widespread snow, highs in the 20s and 30s. East northeast wind 18 mph.

COVID

From page A1

This week the county recorded 260 new COVID-19 cases, which is down from 293 cases last week and 344 cases the week before that. That's about where the county was in October last year.

In addition, the county recorded six COVID-19 deaths this week. That's compared to five deaths last week.

The county still has 17 presumed COVID-19 deaths, and is at 804 presumed cases of COVID-19. That's an addition of 38 presumed cases since last Friday.

No variant strains of COVID-19 have been found in Berrien County yet, though Britten said they are watching for it.

She said the county's percent of COVID-19 tests that are coming back positive is about 7 percent, and that testing is still at a good level.

COVID-19 patients at Spectrum Health Lakeland averaged about 21 a day this week, with 19 patients admitted Friday morning. That's down from last week's average of 36 patients a day, and 41 patients a day the week before.

Van Buren/Cass

COVID-19 case growth in Van Buren and Cass counties to be steady.

Cass County recorded 86 new COVID-19 cases this week and no new deaths. Last week the county had recorded 72 new cases.

Van Buren County recored 91 new COVID-19 cases this week and one new death. Last week the county had recorded 106 new cases.

In total, Cass County has recorded 3,382 COVID-19 cases and 53 deaths. Van Buren County has recorded 4,454 COVID-19 cases and 81 deaths.

Vaccine distribution in Van Buren and Cass counties seems to be lagging slightly behind Berrien County.

Van Buren County has given one dose of vaccine to about 6 percent of its estimated population, while Cass County has given the first dose to about 2.5 percent of its population.

In total, Van Buren County has administered about 5,748 doses of vaccine, and Cass County has given 1,525 doses.

From last Thursday to this Thursday, Van Buren County administered 1,479 doses, while Cass County administered 560 doses.

Last week, Van Buren County gave about 1,294 doses and Cass County gave about 323 doses.

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White-winged crossbills make rare appearance

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Photo provided

South Haven's Harrison Smith makes his way past a slalom pole during a practice at Bittersweet Ski Resort in Otsego on Thursday.

Racing Rams

South Haven skiing team finding success

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

South Haven is having success on the slopes while other winter sports are stuck waiting.

The Rams' varsity skiing team is currently in third place in the seven-team Southwest Michigan Ski Conference, faring well against opponents with much larger enrollments.

The program is in its sixth season. Al Dubuisson has been the head coach the entire way, initially getting involved due to his son Sam's interest. His assistant coach, Paul Johnson, joined from Mattawan after moving to South Haven.

"It started with my son wanting to ski race," Dubuisson recalled. "He rounded up four of his buddies and signed me up as the coach. The first year we learned a lot. None of the kids had raced, I had never coached. I raced in college, but that didn't help.

"It's been fun to see the program grow."

Skiing is the only outdoor winter sport offered by the MHSAA, and was the first winter sport cleared for a return to competition during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Photo provided

South Haven's Megan Morse makes a turn during a practice at Bittersweet Ski Resort in Otsego on Thursday.

Skiers are required to wear facial coverings. The pandemic has created other difficulties for the Rams, such as transit to practice at Bittersweet Ski Resort in Otsego.

"They wear their mask, they do what they need to do so we can race," Dubuisson said. "In the past I would take all the kids to practice in my crew cab pickup. I would drive them over and drive them back. That was really hard for us to give up, because that kind of bonded us as a team. But I'd rather have to give up that then give up the season."

South Haven is the only local school to offer varsity skiing, which is not surprisingly more popular in the northern regions of the state. Marquette, Petoskey and Harbor Springs are among the established state powers. About 80 teams compete statewide, split into two divisions.

Most of the Rams' conference rivals are cooperative programs from multiple larger schools. There's Mattawan-Paw Paw, Plainwell-Thornapple Kellogg, Portage (Central and Northern combined), Kalamazoo United (several Kalamazoo schools), Hudsonsville, and Caledonia.

The conference season consists of four meets at Bittersweet and two at Timber Ridge Ski Area in Gobles. Skiers compete in the slalom and giant slalom events at each meet.

South Haven's roster includes three boys and three girls, though the Rams technically compete as a boys team to have the required four racers. One more skier of each gender would allow for multiple teams, which Dubuisson said is a goal for the future.

Senior twin brothers Harrison Smith and Garrett Smith are the top skiers for the Rams, both regularly finishing among the top five at the first three conference meets. Also on the roster are senior Megan Morse, junior Jacob Timmer, and sophomores Tabitha Newberry and Elizabeth Sell.

"It's more of a family than

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MHSAA pushes for immediate start to winter contact sports

By KYLE TURK
Grand Haven Tribune

Despite setbacks throughout this month, there is still an air of optimism around the Michigan High School Athletic Association as they wait for student-athletes to retake the field.

With four winter sports still restricted to non-contact practices, MHSAA executive director Mark Uyl sees the success of January's state tournaments as a path forward for playing now, not just later in February as currently scheduled.

"Now lends itself for us to take the next step," Uyl said. "We now have the actual data from our winter sports over the past 14 days, and we firmly believe that now is the time to take the next step to allow those for winter sports for those contact practices to begin immediately and for winter competition to also begin immediately as well.

Uyl fielded questions from reporters Friday a day after high school administrators and students testified in front of Michigan legislators. As the Let Them Play advocacy group plans to hold a rally outside the state Capitol on Saturday, the MHSAA, high school athletes and coaches are hoping the public outcry mixed with the favorable data from January will lead to a push in the right direction.

"I think overall the folks within the school sports community are pretty reasonable people," Uyl said. "I think we all understood, going back to last November when numbers were escalating and skyrocketing, why a pause had to be made. We're in this work for what's best for kids, and certainly when you talk about what's best for kids, health and safety has to be the No. 1 topic."

Michigan governor Gretchen Whitmer alluded to a potential change in starting date in a Thursday interview with WXYZ in Detroit, saying it was 'a very possible thing' that the state could change its mind and allow contact sports to resume before Feb. 21.

"As a parent of a high schooler myself, I'd love to get this part of life reengaged," Whitmer said. "Getting the kids back in the classroom, that's paramount."

Also on Uyl's mind Friday was the schedule surrounding spring sports. In 2020, those athletes didn't get a spring season in any sport due to the timing of the COVID-19 pandemic. Both the MHSAA and school administrators want to avoid those seasons being scrapped for two years in a row, a major blow for student-athletes in sports such as baseball, girls soccer, lacrosse, softball and track.

With the MHSAA's focus on the current winter situation, Uyl didn't have a full timeline set for the spring.

"We're now about a month and a half out when the first published day of spring sport practice can begin," he said. "The reality is that we need to see exactly when all our winter sports can start. Once we now know what that start date is, we can then

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Tigers finalize $2 million, 1-year deal with Ramos

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Tigers finalized a $2 million, one-year contract with catcher Wilson Ramos on Friday.

Ramos played 45 games last season with the New York Mets, hitting .239 with five home runs and 15 RBIs. Ramos was an All-Star in 2016 for the Washington Nationals and in 2018 with the Tampa Bay Rays.

The 33-year-old Ramos could give Detroit a boost after its catchers struggled last year. Jake Rogers hit .125 in 35 games, and Grayson Greiner batted .118 in 18 games. Austin Romine hit .238 but agreed to a deal with the Chicago Cubs recently.

"Adding a reliable veteran catcher was one of our priorities this offseason, and we know that Wilson will be a great fit for that role," general manager Al Avila said. "He's still producing on the field at a high level after 11 years in the big leagues, and we feel his presence in the clubhouse will be a major positive both for our young catchers and pitching staff."

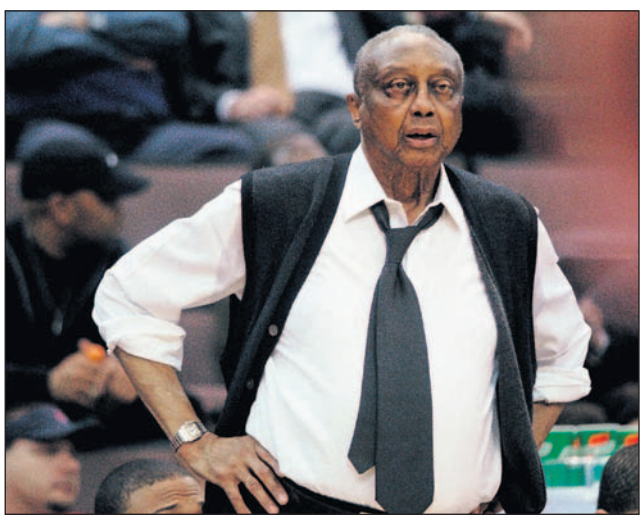
Detroit is trying to rebuild around pitching prospects like Casey Mize and Tarik Skubal.

"I'm excited to join this team during such at exciting time," Ramos said. "Whether it's playing in a lineup with Miguel Cabrera or working with a really talented group of young pitchers, this was an opportunity that I was excited to take on."

Until the shortened 2020 season, Ramos had hit double-digit home runs for seven straight years.

Detroit announced the signing Friday, and the Tigers designated infielder Sergio Alcántara for assignment.

Ramos earned $3,425,925 in prorated pay from a $9.25 million 2020 salary – as part of a $17.5 million, two-year contract that included a $2 million signing bonus and a $1.5 million buyout of an unexercised 2021 option.



Tony Tribble / AP

Temple coach John Chaney watches his players during the second half of their Atlantic 10 tournament basketball game against Rhode Island on March 8, 2006. John Chaney, one of the nation's leading Black coaches and a commanding figure during a Hall of Fame basketball career at Temple, has died.

Chaney, commanding Temple basketball coach, dies at 89

By DAN GELSTON
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — John Chaney's raspy, booming voice drowned out the gym when he scolded Temple players over a turnover – at the top of his basketball sins – or inferior effort. His voice was loudest when it came to picking unpopular fights, lashing out at NCAA policies he said discriminated against Black athletes. And it could be profane when Chaney let his own sense of justice get the better of him with fiery confrontations that threatened to undermine his role as father figure to scores of his underprivileged players.

Complicated, cranky, quick with a quip, Chaney was an imposing presence on the court and a court jester off it, all while building the Owls perched in rugged North Philadelphia into one of the toughest teams in the nation.

"He wrapped his arms around you and made you a part of his family," said Chaney's successor, Fran Dunphy.

Chaney led Temple to 17 NCAA Tournament appearances over 24 seasons, including five NCAA regional finals. Chaney had 741 wins as a college coach. He was twice named national coach of the year and his teams at Temple won six Atlantic 10 conference titles. He led Cheyney, in suburban Philadelphia, to the 1978 Division II national championship.

When Chaney retired in 2006, the scowl was gone, the dark, deep-set eyes concealed behind sunglasses, and the over-the-top personality turned subdued: "Excuse me while I disappear," he said.

Just eight days after he turned 89, Chaney died Friday after a short, unspecified illness.

He became a de facto father to dozens of his players, many coming to Temple from broken homes, violent upbringings and bad schools. He often said his biggest goal was simply to give poor kids a chance to get an education. He said the SAT was culturally biased and he joined Georgetown's John Thompson – another giant in the Black coaching community, who died in August – in denouncing NCAA academic requirements that seemed to single out "the youngster who is from a poor, disadvantaged background.

Eddie Jones and Aaron McKie, perhaps Chaney's two best players, were Prop 48 recruits who parlayed their Temple years into successful NBA careers. McKie is now Temple's coach and leaned on his mentor when he had to shape the program.

"Coach Chaney was like a father to me," McKie said. "He taught not just me, but all of his players more than just how to succeed in basketball. He taught us life lessons to make us better individuals off the court. I owe so much to him. He made me the man I am today."

When Chaney joined

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Bluebloods feeling black and blue as hoops hits homestretch

By DAVE SKRETTA
AP Basketball Writer

Nam Y. Huh / AP

Michigan State head coach Tom Izzo, bottom, reacts during the second half of a Dec. 20 game against Northwestern in Evanston, Ill. Northwestern won 79-65.

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Bill Self had never found himself in this position in nearly two decades as the head coach at Kansas.

Sure, there have been teams that have struggled to assimilate new players. Teams with deficiencies on offense or defense. He's had teams that flamed out the first weekend of the NCAA Tournament, despite having one-and-done prodigies on the roster.

But this is different. Entering the final week of January, the Jayhawks are staring at a stretch run in which they could be a nonfactor in the Big 12 race – the byproduct of both a brilliant rival in No. 2 Baylor and their own shortcomings.

"We're trying to gear ourselves up to have a storybook or a very happy end to our season and you can't do that unless you play well in the postseason," Self said. "The only thing that's changed is the disappointment being midway through your league play, you're already significantly behind your league leader, and they're probably not going to lose much, if any."

It's a situation a lot of perennial powerhouses are facing as the calendar flips to February.

Duke, North Carolina and Kentucky are all facing the very real possibility of not making the NCAA Tournament and the last time that happened in the same year was 1974.

The Blue Devils (6-5) finally snapped their three-game losing streak with a win over Georgia Tech, but coach Mike Krzyzewski's team has struggled to incorporate their talented freshmen, they are still working Jalen Johnson into the mix after a foot injury and they rank 281st in field-goal percentage defense.

The Wildcats (5-10) have struggled to score. Their poor shooting combined with a penchant for turnovers has Kentucky in danger of their first losing season since 1988-89, when Eddie Sutton was in charge.

Don't talk to Tom Izzo about struggling to score. Michigan State (8-5) came back from a 20-day pause because of COVID-19 and was promptly walloped 67-37 by Rutgers – a team that had never beaten the Spartans.

"If you look across America, it could be any blueblood – any school at all – they have gone through this, some grind, dog-type days," said Self, whose Jayhawks narrowly beat TCU to avoid their first four-game skid in 32 years. "The next big thing is the postseason. You're probably playing for seeding, if you're fortunate to get in – we're playing for seeding much more than in years past, because in years past we controlled our own destiny."

There are plenty of reasons the bluebloods can point to for being beaten so often.

Most rely on one-and-done stars or, at most, two-year players who have a narrow window for reaching their ceiling in college. Duke's had 19 players leave after one season over the past decade, and most of the 21 lottery picks that Wildcats coach John Calipari has produced in the past 11 seasons have departed after their freshman or sophomore seasons.

Kentucky, arguably the most disappointing of the perennial powers, had the nation's consensus No. 1 class this season, yet another group of athletic freshmen joined by talented transfer Olivier Sarr.

The peril of relying on such youth has been underscored this season by COVID-19, though.

Those newcomers missed out on a typical summer program, then had their handful of soft non-conference games largely wiped out. They instead got thrown into real games almost immediately, and many of them have struggled to adapt to playing at the college level.

"This has been a long journey and every team goes through it differently," Krzyzewski said. "We have not had a positive case yet … knock on wood, but we've had interruptions. It's long for anybody, but for a young group it's really long."

Indeed, the pandemic has caused havoc with teams trying to find their footing. That was evident in the performance by the Spartans against Rutgers, and by Kansas during a three-game skid that included a pair of unranked opponents; the Jayhawks had a potential get-right game against lowly Iowa State postponed in the midst of it.

The Jayhawks matched a school record for margin of defeat in Allen Fieldhouse when Texas walloped them by 25 earlier this month, which brings up another point: Most schools are allowing few, if any, fans into the building, and that deprives some of college basketball's heavyweights of the typical advantage they have playing in the Phog, Rupp Arena at Kentucky, the Breslin Center at Michigan State and Cameron Indoor Arena at Duke.

There are more standard reasons for the struggles, too. Injuries is a big one. Johnson is finally back from his foot injury for Duke, and Terrence Clark has been out with the same problem for Kentucky. Kansas is without five-star freshman Bryce Thompson, who first missed time with a back injury and is now sidelined by a broken thumb.

One thing that has never changed? The intense focus on the bluebloods, especially when things are going poorly.

"It's pretty intense, what people say and do," Kentucky assistant Bruiser Flint said. "The expectations are extremely high. I think sometimes they get a little crazy. But that's what you sign up for."

One blueblood, UCLA, is doing fine at 12-3 so far this season. And there are plenty of reasons to believe its brethren are going through a temporary lull.

Each of the schools has another group of talented players arriving in the fall, with Kentucky and Michigan State both ranked in the top 10 for 2021 recruits by 247 Sports. Vaccinations have begun amid hope that next season will look a whole lot more like normal – and normal would mean college basketball's bluebloods back in the national title mix.

"Winning can camouflage your ills and sometimes losing magnifies them and we've been in a situation where they've been magnified," Self said. "We can't get back what we've lost but we can do everything in our power to put ourselves in a position to finish what we start."

Hovland vaults into Farmers lead at wet Torrey Pines

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Viktor Hovland birdied his final for a 7-under 65 on Torrey Pines' tough South Course on a rainy, miserable Friday, giving him a one-shot lead after two rounds of the Famers Insurance Open.

Hovland finished his round after play resumed following a suspension of about an hour due to wind and rain on the blufftop municipal course overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

The 23-year-old Norwegian closed with a 7-foot birdie putt on the par-5 ninth to reach 9 under.

Hovland leads a group of six at 8 under, including first-round co-leader Patrick Reed and Jon Rahm, who won this tournament in 2017 and finished second to Marc Fleishman last year.

Reed shot an even-par 72 on the South Course a day after firing an 8-under 64 on the easier North Course. Rahm shot a 5-under 67 on the North Course.

Also at 8 under were Tony Finau, who had a 5-under 67 on the North; Ryan Palmer, who carded a 2-under 70 on the North; Adam Scott, who had a 3-under 69 on the South; and Lanto Griffin, who shot 2-under 70 on the South.

The weather is supposed to clear up for the weekend rounds on the South Course. The course will host the U.S. Open in June for just the second time.

Hovland lives in Stillwater, where he played at Oklahoma State. He said he's been practicing there recently.

"That's helped me for this week. It got really cold, obviously raining and hail, so being Norwegian I think that also helps," he said. "I just played really solid and made some putts."

He had just one bogey, on the par-4 15th.

Hovland, who won the Puerto Rico Open last year for his first tour victory, said he has confidence going into the weekend.

"I think especially playing a tough course like the South Course, you can't really fake it, especially in these conditions," he said. "Playing a hard golf course and then playing well, that I think is what gives me the ultimate kind of belief that I played really well today. You just can't really fake it. But it's another day tomorrow and we've got two more rounds left, so it's definitely not going to roll over and give anything to you."

Rahm also had just one bogey. He said it was much more difficult Friday than the opening round, which was played in nice weather.

"Those fairways are narrow enough as it is. When you start adding the side wind, it's just not fun," Rahm said.

"I can't really stress how hard it can get," he added. "North is easier. South today is brutal, I mean absolutely brutal. Every shot counts out there. Even being on the fairway some shots are not easy and with this wind and rain coming in and out, for those who played the North today, we should be really fortunate to play that course today."

Rahm shot a 3-under 69 on the South Course on Thursday.

Divots

San Diegan Phil Mickelson birdied his final two holes to just make the cut at 1 under. He shot par on the South. ... Another San Diegan, Xander Schauffele was at 2 under after shooting par on the South. ... Rory McIlroy shot 1-under 71 on the North and was a 5 under. ... Notables missing the cut were Jordan Spieth, who shot 3-over 75 on the South, and two-time Farmers champion Jason Day, who followed a 4-over 76 on the South with a par 72 on the North.

Lions add Staley, Brunell, DeLeone, Capers to new staff

ALLEN PARK (AP) — The Detroit Lions on Friday added Duce Staley, Mark Brunell, Mark DeLeone and Dom Capers to their coaching staff.

Staley joins new coach Dan Campbell's staff as running backs coach and assistant head coach. Brunell will be the team's quarterbacks coach, and DeLeone will coach inside linebackers. Capers was hired as a senior defensive assistant.

This is Staley's 11th season as an NFL coach. He spent the past decade with the Philadelphia Eagles – he was a special teams quality control coach before taking over the running backs in 2013. He was also a running back as a player for the Eagles from 1997-2003 and the Steelers from 2004-06.

Brunell played quarterback from 1993-2011 for Green Bay, Jacksonville, Washington, New Orleans and the New York Jets.

DeLeone is entering his 10th season as an NFL coach. He spent the past two seasons as the inside linebackers coach for the Chicago Bears. Before that, he spent six seasons with the Kansas City Chiefs, serving as a defensive quality control coach from 2013-14, assistant linebackers coach from 2015-17 and inside linebackers coach in 2018. He was a defensive assistant with the New York Jets in 2012.

Capers enters his 47th season as a coach, his 35th in the NFL. He was a head coach for the Carolina Panthers (1995-98) and Houston Texans (2001-05).

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Photo provided

South Haven's Elizabeth Sell skis during a practice at Bittersweet Ski Resort in Otsego on Thursday.

RAMS

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a team," Dubuisson said. "These kids are great. I miss them when they leave."

Dubuisson said he's particularly proud of the team's classroom success, as they've been academic all-state every season, sometimes with the best grade-point average among the state's Division 2 teams.

The Rams will compete in a Division 2 regional in the Grand Rapids area on Feb. 8. They have never had a team or individual qualify for the state finals, though Sam Dubuisson came close. Coach Dubuisson said the Smith brothers may have a chance this season.

"I think ski racing is one of the hardest sports because if you fall, you're out," Dubuisson said. "You train and train, and one mistake and you're out."

Perfection, however, isn't necessarily the goal.

"We know we're not going to make World Cup skiers," Dubuisson said. "We want them to have a lifelong love of skiing like we do."

Photo provided

South Haven's Garrett Smith approaches a slalom pole during a practice at Bittersweet Ski Resort in Otsego on Thursday.

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MHSAA

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set the end date in terms of a tournament experience."

One variable that could work in the MHSAA's favor is a new relationship with Michigan's Department of Health and Human Services. That organization has been releasing statewide health orders since October after the state Supreme Court limited Whitmer's emergency powers and health orders.

Elizabeth Hurtel took over the director role after Robert Gordon's resignation on Jan. 22.

The change in leadership has led to better communication in the MHSAA's eyes.

"I can tell you that the for the previous four days of communication this week with the health department has been better than it probably has been in the previous four months," Uyl said. "There certainly is a very clear change that communication and dialogue is something that is valued by the director."

Whether that leads to any actionable change remains to be seen.

In the meantime, the MHSAA is hoping that the upcoming weekend is one of the last in which Michigan families will travel in search of a place to freely play basketball and other indoor contact sports.

"I've been frustrated at times, because I felt like, given the fact that we're organized, that we have accountability in place, our schools are following the rules, our schools are following the epidemic and emergency orders," Uyl said. "You then look in the non-school space, and it looks a little bit more like the wild west with far fewer safety protocols and even less accountability."

The pilot testing program used during the conclusion of the fall tournaments may not be required on the same level for winter students. With nearly 60,000 winter athletes, Uyl noted that the tests offered by the MDHHS earlier this month were a valuable resource that can be used in other sectors.

"Based on what the rapid testing showed, from that very small group of 5,300 is we're talking negative test rates of 99.8%," Uyl said. "What we hear from 38 other states that their numbers of COVID cases and positive test rates have decreased since they have been endorsed competing going back to November. That's information we continue to share [with the state.]"

CHANEY

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Temple in 1982, he took over a program that had only two NCAA tournament bids in the previous decade and wasn't widely known outside Philadelphia. Often, as he exhorted his team, he put himself in situations he later regretted. He was known for a fiery temper – sending a player he called a "goon" into a 2005 game to commit hard fouls. Chaney served a suspension and apologized.

In 1994, he had a heated exchange following a game against UMass in which he threatened to kill coach John Calipari. Chaney apologized and was suspended for a game. The two later became friends.

"Coach Chaney and I fought every game we competed – as everyone knows, sometimes literally – but in the end he was my friend," Calipari tweeted. "Throughout my career, we would talk about basketball and life. I will miss those talks and I will my friend."

In 1984, Chaney grabbed George Washington coach Gerry Gimelstob by the shoulders at halftime during a game.

Chaney, whose deep, dark eyes seemed fitting for a school whose mascot is the Owl, was intense on the sidelines. His loud, booming voice could be heard across an arena, and his near-perfect designer clothes were in shambles after most games. After an especially bad call, he would stare down referees. He once gazed at a referee for an entire timeout with a look he dubbed the "One-Eyed Jack."

Though he seemed permanently cranky, especially during games, Chaney was often tender and funny. He loved telling stories. His post-game news conferences were sometimes more entertaining than the games that preceded them. His retirement news conference in March 2006 wasn't about hoops but about education's role in helping the poor and disadvantaged. They included amusing anecdotes, pokes at the school administration and playful threats to slap the mayor.

After losing to Michigan State in his last trip to the NCAA regional finals, in 2001, he was the same old John Chaney – with water-filled eyes, wearing a tie torn open at the collar and waxing poetic about another missed chance at the Final Four.

"It is something we all dream about, but very often dreams come up short," he said. "Very often you don't realize everything. But you have to realize that the growth you see in youngsters like these is probably the highest accomplishment you can reach."

Temple's style of play under Chaney's guidance was never as pretty as that of Duke or North Carolina. Slow, patient and disciplined, his best teams rarely made errors, rarely turned the ball over and always played tough defense. Chaney was simply fearless in all aspects of his work.

"John Chaney was more than just a Hall of Fame Basketball coach. He was a Hall of Fame in life," Dunphy said.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phila.	14	6	.700	—
Brooklyn	13	8	.619	1½
Boston	10	7	.588	2½
New York	9	11	.450	5
Toronto	7	12	.368	6½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	10	9	.526	—
Charlotte	8	11	.421	2
Orlando	8	12	.400	2½
Miami	6	12	.333	3½
Washington	3	12	.200	5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	11	7	.611	—
Indiana	11	8	.579	½
Cleveland	9	10	.474	2½
Chicago	7	10	.412	3½
Detroit	5	14	.263	6½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	10	8	.556	—
Memphis	7	6	.538	½
Houston	8	9	.471	1½
Dallas	8	10	.444	2
New Orleans	7	10	.412	2½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	14	4	.778	—
Denver	11	7	.611	3
Portland	9	8	.529	4½
Oklahoma City	8	10	.444	6
Minnesota	4	14	.222	10

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	15	5	.750	—
L.A. Lakers	14	6	.700	1
Phoenix	9	8	.529	4½
Golden State	10	9	.526	4½
Sacramento	8	10	.444	6

Thursday's Games

Houston 104, Portland 101
Detroit 107, L.A. Lakers 92
L.A. Clippers 109, Miami 105
Phoenix 114, Golden State 93

Friday's Games

Charlotte 108, Indiana 105
Atlanta 116, Washington 100
New York 102, Cleveland 81
New Orleans 131, Milwaukee 126
Sacramento 126, Toronto 124
Brooklyn 147, Oklahoma City 125
L.A. Clippers 116, Orlando 90
Phila. 118, Minnesota 94
Denver at San Antonio
Dallas at Utah

Saturday's Games

Houston at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Charlotte, 8 p.m.
Portland at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Miami, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
Memphis at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 9 p.m.
Detroit at Golden State, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

L.A. Clippers at New York, 1 p.m.
Utah at Denver, 3:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Washington, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Phila. at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Monday's Games

Charlotte at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
New York at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Portland at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Memphis at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Denver, 9 p.m.

NHL

East Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	8	5	0	3	13	31	26
Boston	7	5	1	1	11	22	13
Philadelphia	8	5	2	1	11	28	26
Pittsburgh	8	4	3	1	9	24	30
Buffalo	8	3	3	2	8	23	24
New Jersey	7	3	3	1	7	15	19
N.Y. Islanders	7	3	4	0	6	14	17
N.Y. Rangers	7	2	4	1	5	18	20

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	9	4	2	3	11	23	25
Dallas	4	4	0	0	8	19	6
Nashville	7	4	3	0	8	17	20
Florida	4	3	0	1	7	16	12
Tampa Bay	5	3	1	1	7	15	11
Chicago	9	2	4	3	7	23	30
Carolina	4	3	1	0	6	10	6
Detroit	8	2	5	1	5	16	29

West Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	7	5	1	1	11	23	17
Colorado	8	5	3	0	10	28	18
Minnesota	8	5	3	0	10	24	20
St. Louis	7	4	2	1	9	22	27
Los Angeles	8	3	3	2	8	25	26
Anaheim	8	3	3	2	8	14	17
Arizona	8	3	4	1	7	20	22
San Jose	8	3	5	0	6	22	31

North Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	9	7	2	0	14	30	25
Montreal	7	5	0	2	12	33	20
Winnipeg	7	5	2	0	10	28	21
Vancouver	10	5	5	0	10	36	36
Edmonton	9	3	6	0	6	26	33
Calgary	6	2	3	1	5	18	17
Ottawa	8	1	6	1	3	17	36

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. The top four teams in each division will qualify for playoffs under this season's temporary realignment.

Thursday's Games

Boston 4, Pittsburgh 1
Philadelphia 3, New Jersey 1
Carolina 1, Tampa Bay 0, OT
Washington 6, N.Y. Islanders 3
N.Y. Rangers 3, Buffalo 2, OT
Columbus 3, Florida 2, SO
Montreal 4, Calgary 2
Dallas 7, Detroit 3
Colorado 3, San Jose 0
Arizona 3, Anaheim 2
Minnesota 5, Los Angeles 3
Vancouver 4, Ottawa 10
Toronto 4, Edmonton 3
St. Louis at Vegas, ppd

Friday's Game

Columbus 2, Chicago 1

Saturday's Games

New Jersey at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Boston at Washington, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Florida at Detroit, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Edmonton, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Anaheim, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Winnipeg, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

New Jersey at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Carolina, 5 p.m.
Florida at Detroit, 5 p.m.
Columbus at Chicago, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Anaheim, 8 p.m.
Ottawa at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

Monday's Games

Boston at Washington, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Vegas at San Jose, ppd

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Virginia	7	0	1.000	11	2	.846
Florida St.	6	1	.857	10	2	.833
Virginia Tech	6	2	.750	12	3	.800
North Carolina	6	3	.667	11	5	.688
Louisville	5	3	.625	10	4	.714
Pittsburgh	4	3	.571	8	4	.667
Duke	4	3	.571	6	5	.545
Clemson	4	4	.500	10	4	.714
Georgia Tech	3	3	.500	7	5	.583
Syracuse	3	4	.429	9	5	.643
NC State	3	4	.429	7	5	.583
Notre Dame	2	6	.250	5	9	.357
Miami	2	8	.200	6	9	.400
Boston College	1	6	.143	3	10	.231
Wake Forest	1	7	.125	4	7	.364

Saturday's Games

Clemson at Duke, Noon
Miami at Wake Forest, 2 p.m.
Florida St. at Georgia Tech, 4 p.m.
Virginia at Virginia Tech, 6 p.m.
Notre Dame at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
Boston College at Louisville, ppd.

Sunday's Game

NC State at Syracuse, 6 p.m.

BIG EAST CONFERENCE

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Villanova	5	0	1.000	10	1	.909
Creighton	8	3	.727	12	4	.750
UConn	5	3	.625	8	3	.727
Seton Hall	6	4	.600	9	7	.563
Xavier	3	2	.600	10	2	.833
Providence	5	5	.500	9	7	.563
St. John's	4	6	.400	10	7	.588
Marquette	4	6	.400	8	8	.500
Butler	4	6	.400	5	8	.385
Georgetown	1	5	.167	3	8	.273
DePaul	1	6	.143	3	6	.333

Thursday's Game

Villanova at UConn, ppd.

Saturday's Games

Providence at Georgetown, 1 p.m.
Villanova at Seton Hall, 3 p.m.
Xavier at Butler, 5:30 p.m.
Creighton at DePaul, 8 p.m.

Sunday's Games

St. John's at Marquette, 3:30 p.m.
UConn at St. John's, ppd.

BIG TEN CONFERENCE

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Michigan	8	1	.889	13	1	.929
Iowa	6	2	.750	12	3	.800
Wisconsin	7	3	.700	13	4	.765
Illinois	6	3	.667	10	5	.667
Ohio St.	7	4	.636	13	4	.765
Purdue	6	4	.600	11	6	.647
Rutgers	5	6	.455	9	6	.600
Minnesota	4	5	.444	11	5	.688
Indiana	4	5	.444	9	7	.563
Maryland	3	7	.300	9	8	.529
Northwestern	3	7	.300	6	8	.429
Michigan St.	2	5	.286	8	5	.615
Penn St.	2	6	.250	5	7	.417
Nebraska	0	5	.000	4	8	.333

Thursday's Game

Rutgers 67, Michigan St. 37

Friday's Game

Iowa at Illinois

Saturday's Games

Wisconsin at Penn St., 3 p.m.
Minnesota at Purdue, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Michigan, ppd.
Penn St. at Nebraska, ppd.

Sunday's Games

Michigan St. at Ohio St., 1 p.m.
Rutgers at Northwestern, 7:30 p.m.

HORIZON LEAGUE

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Cleveland St.	10	2	.833	10	5	.667
Wright St.	9	3	.750	11	4	.733
Ill.-Chicago	5	3	.625	8	5	.615
Milwaukee	5	4	.556	6	5	.545
Oakland	6	6	.500	6	13	.316
N. Kentucky	5	5	.500	7	8	.467
Fort Wayne	5	7	.417	6	7	.462
Green Bay	5	7	.417	5	11	.313
Detroit	3	5	.375	4	8	.333
Youngstown St.	4	8	.333	8	8	.500
Robert Morris	2	5	.286	3	7	.300
IUPUI	2	6	.250	3	6	.333

Friday's Games

Detroit at Youngstown St.
Milwaukee at IUPUI
Ill.-Chicago at N. Kentucky
Green Bay at Cleveland St.
Oakland at Fort Wayne
Robert Morris at Wright St.

Saturday's Games

Milwaukee at IUPUI, 3 p.m.
Ill.-Chicago at N. Kentucky, 5 p.m.
Robert Morris at Wright St., 5 p.m.
Detroit at Youngstown St., 5 p.m.
Green Bay at Cleveland St., 7 p.m.
Oakland at Fort Wayne, 7 p.m.

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Toledo	9	1	.900	14	4	.778
Akron	7	2	.778	9	3	.750
Kent St.	5	3	.625	8	4	.667
Bowling Green	6	4	.600	10	6	.625
Miami (Ohio)	4	3	.571	7	5	.583
Buffalo	4	3	.571	6	5	.545
Ohio	5	4	.556	9	6	.600
Ball St.	4	4	.500	6	7	.462
Cent. Michigan	2	6	.250	6	9	.400
N. Illinois	1	6	.143	2	10	.167
W. Michigan	1	6	.143	2	10	.167
E. Michigan	1	7	.125	4	8	.333

Friday's Game

Ohio at Buffalo

Saturday's Games

Ball St. at Akron, 2 p.m.
W. Michigan at Miami (Ohio), 2 p.m.
Cent. Michigan at Kent St., 4 p.m.
Toledo at Bowling Green, 5 p.m.
E. Michigan at N. Illinois, ppd.

MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Drake	6	0	1.000	15	0	1.000
Loyola of Chicago	8	1	.889	13	3	.813
Missouri St.	5	3	.625	9	3	.750
Indiana St.	5	5	.500	8	7	.533
Evansville	4	4	.500	6	8	.429
Valparaiso	3	3	.500	6	9	.400
Bradley	3	5	.375	9	8	.529
N. Iowa	2	6	.250	4	10	.286
Illinois St.	2	7	.222	5	10	.333
S. Illinois	1	5	.167	7	5	.583

Thursday's Game

Valparaiso 91, Bradley 85, 2OT

Saturday's Game

N. Iowa at S. Illinois, 4 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Illinois St. at Drake, 3 p.m.
Loyola of Chicago at Missouri St., 3 p.m.
Valparaiso at Evansville, 4 p.m.
Bradley at Indiana St., 4 p.m.
N. Iowa at S. Illinois, 6 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER — Announced Ken Griffey Jr. senior adivisor to the Commissioner.

American League

SEATTLE MARINERS — Promoted Joel Firman to director, analytics, Tim Stanton director, baseball operations, Andrew Herrera to assistant director, international scouting and John Choiniere to manager, analytics. Added John Edwards as analyst, Alex Lipman as assistant, baseball projects and Dan Kaplan as assistant video coordinator.

National League

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Signed free agent RHP Ivan nova to minor league squad and invited to spring training.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Signed free agent RHP Adam Wainwright.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Announced Bobby Dickerson returns as bench/third base coach, Skip Schumaker as associate manager, Damion Easley as hitting coach, Larry Rothschild as pitching coach, Wayne Kirby as first base coach, Ben Fritz as bullpen coach, Rod Barajas as catching and quality control, Ryan Flaherty as major league advance scout/development coach, Keith Werman as major league development/coordinator and Peter Summerville as bullpen catcher/coaching assistant.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CHICAGO BEARS — Named Bill McGovern as ILB coach. Promoted Bill Shuey to OLB coach.

DETROIT LIONS — Added Duce Staley, Mark Brunell and Mark Delone to coaching staff.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Promote Todd Downing to offensive coordinator and Shane Bowen to defensive coordinator.

Korpisalo makes 31 stops, Blue Jackets beat Blackhawks 2-1

By JAY COHEN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Joonas Korpisalo made 31 saves and Oliver Bjorkstrand had a goal and an assist, sending the Columbus Blue Jackets to a 2-1 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks on Friday night.

Eric Robinson also scored for Columbus. The Blue Jackets held on in the final part of third period after a 3-2 shootout victory over Florida on Thursday night.

Korpisalo stepped up as Chicago pushed for the tying goal, denying Patrick Kane in front about seven minutes into the third. He also caught a break when Carl Soderberg's shot through the goaltender's legs was just wide with a couple minutes left.

Dylan Strome scored for Chicago, and Kevin Lankinen made 25 stops. The Blackhawks had recorded at least one point in five straight games.

The Blue Jackets jumped in front on Bjorkstrand's power-play goal 8:53 into the first period. Mattias Janmark had a chance to clear the puck out for Chicago, but Columbus kept it in and Cam Atkinson found Bjorkstrand in the left circle for a one-timer.

The Blackhawks pushed for the tying goal early in the second, but Strome had a wraparound attempt knocked away by Blue Jackets defenseman Vladislav Gavrikov.

After Chicago had an extended stay in Columbus' zone, the Blue Jackets got it out and Robinson skated out on a breakaway. He beat Lankinen on the glove side for his second goal of the season and a 2-0 lead at 3:39.

Chicago got on the board when Kane found Strome in the slot for the center's third goal, making it 2-1 midway through the second.

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Don't file a paper 2020 federal tax return if you don't have to, warns IRS watchdog

Michelle Singletary

The IRS has announced that it is delaying the start of the 2021 tax season to Feb. 12 to allow the agency to get clear of the double burdens of millions of unprocessed tax returns from last year and stimulus relief payments.

"If filing season were opened without the correct programming in place, then there could be a delay in issuing refunds to taxpayers," the IRS said.

The 2021 tax season could get ugly. File early and electronically.

People are already in a panic that they haven't received either the first or second stimulus payment because their 2019 federal returns haven't been processed.

A former certified public accountant emailed me that her adult son mailed his paper federal return in October and still hasn't heard a word from the IRS on its status – or the $11,000 refund he and his wife are owed.

"There's nothing on the website that would give you some comfort that at least the return had been opened," said the New Jersey woman, who helps her son with his tax returns. "I've spoken to four or five people at the IRS, and they said, 'Please don't file a duplicate tax return.' I think there are millions of others who are in the same predicament."

She's right.

The IRS received roughly 16 million paper individual returns last year. As of Dec. 25, the agency said, it still had 6.9 million individual tax returns in the "processing pipeline" – which is over 40 percent. Interestingly, the IRS changed the language of its update from saying the returns were "unprocessed." I assume it was to give people some hope that there's movement on their returns.

The IRS said it is rerouting tax returns and taxpayer correspondence to locations where more staffing is available. Other than responding to any requests for information, the IRS said there's nothing people can do.

"For refunds that could not be issued in 2020 because the tax return is being corrected, reviewed or awaiting correspondence from a taxpayer, the refund will be issued as a paper check in 2021 per our normal processes," the IRS said in an operations update. "Taxpayers are encouraged to continue to check 'Where's My Refund' for their personalized refund status."

The IRS said it chose to delay to Feb. 12 date to prevent further backlogs.

"Given the pandemic, this is one of the nation's most important filing seasons ever," IRS Commissioner Charles Rettig said in a statement. "This start date will ensure that people get their needed tax refunds quickly while also making sure they receive any remaining stimulus payments they are eligible for as quickly as possible."

The delay means people who claim Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) or Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) won't get their refunds until the first week of March – provided that they file electronically with direct deposit and there are no issues with their tax returns, the IRS said.

You don't have to wait until Feb. 12 to start on your tax return. If you have everything you need for your return, you can e-file now using the IRS Free File program. It allows people earning $72,000 or less to electronically file their federal – and in many cases state returns – for free. "Our e-file partners will hold your return and transmit it to us then," said IRS spokesman Eric Smith. Search for the program at irs.gov.

Even with the extra time, paper-return backlogs are large and likely to grow, so anyone who can e-file should do so, said National Taxpayer Advocate Erin M. Collins.

"There's the added challenge that the last filing season had to deal with because of covid," Collins said in an interview. "And in my opinion, I think it's going to overlap into the next filing season."

Don't just blame the IRS for the delays in processing returns, Collins said. The agency has had a roughly 20 percent reduction in its budget (adjusted for inflation) since fiscal 2010, resulting in antiquated technology and inadequate staffing levels, Collins said in her annual report to Congress. Over the past 10 years, the IRS workforce has shrunk by about 20 percent.

The pandemic exacerbated the problems the IRS was already dealing with, Collins said.

Refunds and stimulus payments are still piled up at the IRS, and this year may be just as bad, new report says

With social distancing still in place, Collins is concerned about whether the IRS will have enough workers to process the paper backlog and the coming onslaught of mailed returns when the 2021 tax season opens.

It's not always a choice for people to file electronically.

There are more than 40 forms that still require a taxpayer to mail a paper return, Collins said in the annual report. "The IRS should expand its electronic filing capabilities to allow all taxpayers an e-filing option, regardless of the return or any associated schedules, documents, and attachments," she urged.

But if it's just a matter of habit or doubts about the security of electronic filing, this is the year to get past that and e-file your return.

"During the pandemic, it is more important than ever that taxpayers choose to file their returns electronically and not send them in by mail," the IRS said in a statement. "It is also more important than ever that taxpayers choose direct deposit on their returns and provide up-to-date banking information for their refund."

On that last point, people who filed electronically over the past two years and had their refunds sent by direct deposit to their bank accounts had fewer issues with receiving a stimulus payment, Collins said. This is important since President Biden is putting together a $1.9 trillion relief package that would boost the second stimulus payments for Americans to up to $2,000 per individual.

Ask the Fool

Sales Versus Revenue

Q If a company has a lot of sales, might it still be a bad investment? — *H.A., Glendale, California*

A It's very possible. Sales (also known as revenue) are what a company takes in for its products and services. But if the company spends more than it takes in, it ends up with losses instead of profits. This all shows up on a company's income statement (sometimes referred to as a "statement of earnings" or "statement of operations," among other things). It starts with sales at the top, and then subtracts costs such as raw materials, payroll, marketing and taxes, eventually arriving at net income, which can be positive (profits) or negative (losses).

Ideally, a company will have growing revenue and growing profits. But even good companies can have a year or two in the red — perhaps because they're spending heavily on advertising or on growth, or because they're facing a temporary setback. And younger, smaller companies may run many losses in their early years. So unprofitability isn't necessarily a deal-breaker, but it's best to focus your dollars on companies that are reliably profitable.

With any possible investment, study its financial reports: Check whether it's gaining or losing market share, how strong its competitive advantages are, and whether its future seems promising.

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Q Can you recommend any investing guides for beginners? — *J.S., Bixby, Oklahoma*

A Sure. Check out "The Motley Fool Investment Guide" by David and Tom Gardner (Simon & Schuster, $22).

Other good introductions include "Idiot's Guides: Beginning Investing" by Danielle L. Schultz (Alpha, $20), Kathy Kristof's "Investing 101" (Bloomberg Press, $19), and John C. Bogle's "The Little Book of Common Sense Investing: The Only Way To Guarantee Your Fair Share of Stock Market Returns" (Wiley, $25).

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Retirement Blunders To Avoid

If you want your retirement to be as comfy and secure as possible, avoid these mistakes:

• Assuming Social Security will be enough: The average monthly retirement benefit was recently $1,523. That's a little more than $18,000 per year, and many people will receive much less than that. To learn how much you can expect from Social Security based on your earnings so far, visit **SSA.gov** and set up a "my Social Security" account. Then develop a plan to build any additional income you'll need through saving and investing.

• Not signing up for Medicare on time: If you're late enrolling in Medicare, you can be slapped with a hefty penalty fee. You're eligible for Medicare at age 65, and you can sign up anytime within the three months leading up to your 65th birthday, during the month of your birthday or within the three months that follow. Visit **Medicare.gov** for more info.

• Failing to take required minimum distributions (RMDs) on time: Owners of traditional IRAs and 401(k)s (though not Roth IRAs) are required to withdraw a minimum amount each year — for new retirees, beginning the year you turn 72 — and missing the deadline can be extremely costly. (RMDs were waived for 2020 due to the pandemic.) For more on RMD rules, visit **AARP.com** and type "RMD" into the search box there.

• Not considering fixed annuities: Variable or indexed annuities can be problematic, with steep fees and restrictive terms, but fixed annuities (immediate or deferred ones) are more straightforward. They offer dependable income for a set period — which can be the rest of your life.

• Underestimating the cost of health care: It's been estimated that married retirees will spend hundreds of thousands of dollars out of pocket on health care during their retirement. Aim to keep your costs down by staying healthy and being smart about Medicare, choosing the plan that will serve you best and making the most of all it offers, such as free cancer screenings.

My Dumbest Investment

Hefty Fees

My dumbest investment was buying $150 of stock in Vodafone and paying $18 in fees to buy and sell it. It's hard to beat that as a dumb investment, surely. — *D., online*

The Fool Responds: You've pointed out a common investing mistake that many investors have made, usually unaware. If you pay $18 to buy $150 worth of stock, you're forking over about 12% of the value of the investment just in the trading commission. That's problematic, because you'd have to see your investment increase in value by 12% just to get back to even. The costly error is repeated if you spend another 12% of the investment to sell your shares.

The Motley Fool long ago suggested that investors spend no more than about 2% of any investment on commission fees. Back when trading commissions cost $25 or more, that required trades worth about $1,250 or more. But commissions have fallen sharply over the years, and not too long ago, $7 commissions were common. Those would require a trade valued at just $350 or more in order to stay at 2% or below. But today, many big, respected brokerages feature $0 trades. With that kind of charge, you could go ahead and place a $150 order for free.

Commission fees matter most if you trade frequently, which isn't an ideal way to invest. Learn more about good, low-fee brokerages at our **TheAscent.com** site.

The Motley Fool Take

Pharma Perks — and More

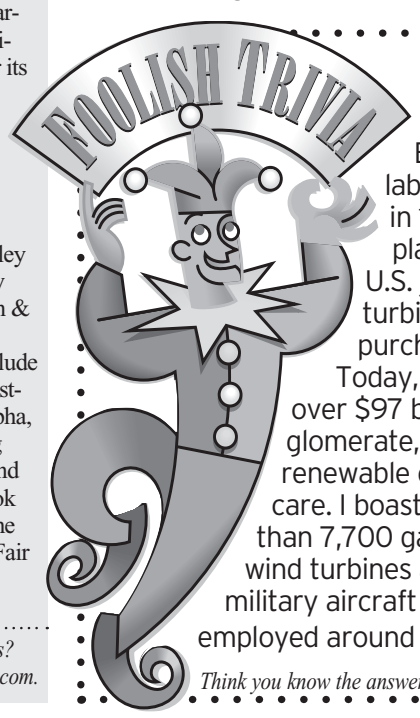
AbbVie (NYSE: ABBV) is one of the least expensive big pharmaceutical stocks on the market, with promising growth prospects.

It has grown rapidly in recent years thanks largely to Humira, its key immunosuppressive drug — which is facing the expiration of its patent protection beginning in 2023. Not surprisingly, emerging competition from biosimilar products has made investors jittery, but AbbVie is prepping for a life beyond Humira. To start, its Rinvoq and Skyrizi drugs are in late-stage regulatory review and on track for faster launches than previously planned. AbbVie projects the two drugs could bring in revenue of more than $15 billion by 2025. The company has several other growth drivers as well, including blood cancer drugs Imbruvica and Venclexta, plus antipsychotic drug Vraylar.

AbbVie's recent acquisition of Allergan, which added Botox and neurological drugs to its portfolio, should also drive growth. Allergan generated $16.1 billion in revenue in 2019. For the full year 2020, AbbVie projects Allergan to add 12% to its adjusted earnings per share.

Meanwhile, management is targeting a reduction in debt of between $15 billion and $18 billion by the end of 2021. That should help AbbVie keep increasing dividends, which recently yielded 4.7%.

With improving growth prospects, a fat dividend and a bargain valuation, AbbVie deserves consideration.



Name That Company

I was founded by Thomas Edison in 1889. My research lab created the tungsten filament in 1908. I developed moldable plastic in 1930 and built the first U.S. jet engine in 1942. My wind-turbine business dates back to my purchase of Enron's wind assets. Today, with a market value recently over $97 billion, I'm a multinational conglomerate, focused primarily on power, renewable energy, aviation and health care. I boast an installed base of more than 7,700 gas turbines, 45,000 onshore wind turbines and 64,000 commercial and military aircraft engines. As 2020 began, I employed around 205,000 people. Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

My roots go back to the 1890s, when some of my products were launched. I was incorporated in 1919 as Nebraska Consolidated Mills. Today, based in Chicago, I'm a giant in the food business, with brands including Banquet, Bertolli, Birds Eye, Chef Boyardee, Duncan Hines, Egg Beaters, Healthy Choice, Jiffy Pop, Marie Callender's, Reddi-wip, Slim Jim, Vlasic and Wish-Bone, as well as emerging brands such as Angie's Boomchickapop, Frontera and Udi's. (Some brands I've sold include Wesson, Butterball and Armour.) I employ roughly 18,000 people in about 50 locations, and I rake in more than $11 billion annually. Who am I? (Answer: Conagra Brands)

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The tax credit fix many can't afford to miss

Liz Weston

Families battered by the pandemic recession soon may discover that the tax refunds they're counting on are dramatically smaller – or that they actually owe income tax.

Congress offered a partial solution, but the fix hasn't been widely publicized, consumer advocates say.

Refunds are crucial to many lower- and moderate-income households, which use the money to catch up on bills and medical treatments, pay down debt and boost savings.

But the unemployment insurance that kept many people afloat last year may cause problems at tax time this year. Unemployment benefits are taxable, but tax withholding is typically voluntary – and many people who lost jobs either didn't know their unemployment checks would be taxed, or they decided against withholding. (Relief checks, such as the $1,200 sent out last year, are not taxable.)

Further, unemployment benefits are not earned income and so don't count toward two crucial tax benefits that keep millions of working families with children out of poverty: the earned income tax credit and the additional child tax credit.

"If you're a single parent or a couple with kids living on, say, $25,000 a year, you might see 25 percent or more of your annual income in the form of your federal tax refund because of these credits," says Timothy Flacke, executive director of Commonwealth, a nonprofit that promotes financial security.

There's a fix

There isn't an easy workaround for tax refunds shriveled by inadequate withholding.

But Congress provided a potential fix for the tax credits issue in the $900 billion coronavirus relief legislation passed last month: Filers can choose to use their 2019 income to determine their credits rather than their 2020 income.

But that fix hasn't been widely reported, says Leigh Phillips, chief executive officer of SaverLife, a nonprofit that encourages working families to save. Not everyone uses up-to-date tax software or well-informed tax preparers, and Phillips worries that many eligible people won't learn about it before filing their returns.

The IRS will begin accepting returns Feb. 12.

"People are going to start trying to file taxes as soon as they possibly can," Phillips says. "If you think that you've got thousands coming in the mail or to your bank account, you're there day one with your paperwork ready to go."

Refunding early

Research confirms that the earliest recipients of refunds each year tend to be lower income, says Fiona Greig, co-president of the JPMorgan Chase Institute, which studies data from millions of customer bank accounts.

"(A tax refund) tends to be a larger relative cash infusion event for them, and as a result, they tend to seek their refund earlier in the tax refund season," Greig says.

In typical years, tax refunds equal almost six weeks' take-home pay for the average recipient, the institute found. Last year the average refund was more than $2,500.

Families who qualify for the earned income tax credit can receive thousands more. The maximum credit for working families with three or more children is $6,660 for 2020, and it's refundable, which means filers get the money even if they don't owe any tax.

The amount you can earn and still qualify rises with family size, so that a married couple with three or more children could get at least a partial credit with adjusted gross income up to $56,844.

A single person without children may qualify for a small credit with an adjusted gross income up to $15,820. Meanwhile, the regular child tax credit for children under 17 is $2,000 and not refundable.

But low-income families may qualify for a refundable credit, which can be up to 15 percent of earned income over $2,500, up to $1,400 per child.

Tax credits have support

The credits have been around for decades and have widespread bipartisan support among lawmakers, Commonwealth's Flacke says.

"It's one of the few areas of some consensus across the parties that rewarding workers on the low end of the wage spectrum with these tax credits makes sense," Flacke says.

If you might qualify for one of the tax credits, make sure your tax software or tax preparer looks at both your 2019 and 2020 incomes before submitting your return. If you find out too late that you could have received a bigger refund, you can file an amended return, but you may face a longer wait. Instead of getting your refund in a few weeks, an amended return can take up to four months to process.

Going forward, President Joe Biden has proposed one-year expansions of the credits as part of his coronavirus relief package. He wants to increase the maximum earned income tax credit for childless adults from $538 to nearly $1,500 this year and to raise the income limit. He also wants to increase the child tax credit to $3,000, plus an extra $600 per child under age 6, and make the full amount refundable. If enacted, these credits could be claimed on returns filed in 2022.

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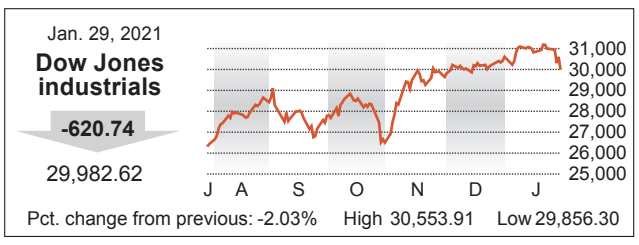

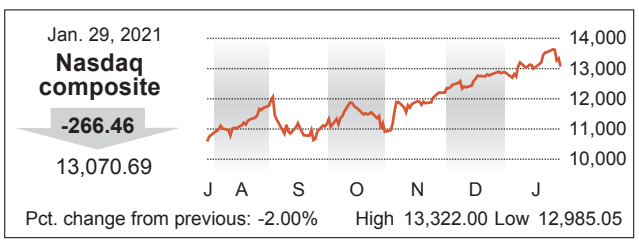

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AEP	AEP	65.14	104.97	80.91	+.35	+0.4	▼	▼	▼
Apple Inc s	AAPL	53.15	145.09	131.96	-5.13	-3.7	▼	▼	▼
AutoZone	AZO	684.91	1297.82	1118.37	-28.27	-2.5	▼	▼	▼
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CMS Eng	CMS	46.03	69.12	56.88	-.37	-0.6	▼	▼	▼
CocaCola	KO	36.27	60.07	48.15	-1.00	-2.0	▼	▼	▼
Comcast	CMCSA	31.71	52.49	49.57	-2.03	-3.9	▲	▼	▼
Deere	DE	106.14	306.96	288.80	-4.16	-1.4	▼	▲	▲
Disney	DIS	79.07	183.40	168.17	-3.71	-2.2	▼	▼	▼
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1stSource	SRCE	26.07	49.63	39.35	-.50	-1.3	▼	▼	▼
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GenElec	GE	5.48	13.26	10.68	-.41	-3.7	▼	▼	▼
HomeDp	HD	140.63	292.95	270.82	-7.23	-2.6	▼	▲	▲
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Pfizer	PFE	27.88	43.08	35.90	+.04	+0.1	▼	▼	▼
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Whrlpl	WHR	64.00	214.68	185.09	-9.51	-4.9	▼	▲	▲
Worthgtn	WOR	19.28	58.99	52.34	-1.55	-2.9	▼	▲	▲
XPO Logis	XPO	38.47	128.57	110.41	-4.26	-3.7	▼	▼	▼

PRODUCE PRICES

The following fruit prices were recorded on the Chicago Terminal Market on Wednesday. Prices are not net to the growers as freight and selling fees have not been deducted. These prices were provided by the USDA Market News Branch office in Chicago.

APPLES: Cartons tray pack of Washington Extra Fancy 72s Red Delicious of fine appearance sold higher from mostly $35-36, Golden Delicious fine appearance fruit sold from $39-40, Fuji brought mostly $34-36, Pink Lady sold lower from $38-40, Gala sold fine appearance offerings from $38-40, and 80 size Honeycrisp sold for $35-36 with fine appearance $48. Cartons of 12 3-pound film bags of Washington WA Extra Fancy 2 1/2-inch minimum Red Delicious sold for $28, while Golden Delicious sold for $26-27, Fuji sold for $22 and Gala brought $30, while bushel cartons of 3-inch up Michigan Gala, Golden Delicious and Jonagold sold for $20.

ASPARAGUS: 11-pound cartons/crates bunched from Peru standard size sold lower for mostly $27-29, while white large offerings sold for 30-31.

BEANS: Bushel cartons/crates of round green type machine-picked offerings from Florida sold higher from $32.

BERRIES: Flats of 12 1-pint cups with lids of medium-large size blueberries from Chile sold from $28-28.50, with fine appearance offerings from Mexico selling higher for $36-36.50. No organic offerings. Strawberries in flats of 12 1-pound containers medium-large size from Mexico sold for mostly $28-28.50. No organic offerings.

BROCCOLI: Cartons of 14 bunches from California sold lower from $16.50-18, with organic offerings mostly $23-24.

CABBAGE: 50-pound cartons of round green medium from Florida sold from $18, with offerings from Texas lower at mostly $17-18 and red offerings also lower from $22.

CAULIFLOWER: Cartons of 12 film wrapped heads from Arizona sold for $30-32. No organic offerings.

CORN: Wirebound crates of four dozen Florida bi-color sold higher for $48-48.50, with yellow offerings $48-49.

CRANBERRIES: Cartons of 24 12-ounce packages of offerings from Wisconsin sold lower from mostly $29-30.

CUCUMBERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons from Mexico of medium size sold higher for mostly $23-24, large sold lower for $21-21.50, while carton 24s sold higher for $10.50-11. Pickles of 200-300 size from Texas sold higher for $35.50.

EGGPLANT: 1 1/9-bushel cartons of 18s from Mexico sold higher for $20.50, with 24 count Mexico offerings selling higher at $19-21.

LETTUCE: Cartons film wrapped 24 heads of iceberg lettuce from Arizona/California sold lower for $14, with organic offerings $38.

ORANGES: Cartons of 10 4-pound film bags of California 72 size valencia juice oranges sold lower for $21-21.50.

PEPPERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of Mexico green extra-large sold for $18-20, with large $16. Medium-large size cubanelle peppers from North Carolina sold for $32, with offerings of medium-large hungarian wax peppers selling for $28, extra-large serranos sold for mostly $27-28, long hots brought $25 and medium poblanos from Mexico brought mostly $17-19 while extra-large size jalapenos sold for mostly $15-17.

SQUASH: 4/7-bushel cartons of small-medium and medium zucchini from Mexico sold higher for $22-24, while yellow straightneck small-medium sold higher for $18-20 with mediums $18-20. 40-pound cartons of medium size butternut from Mexico sold higher for mostly $19-20, Mexico offerings of acorn from $18-20 and spaghetti from mostly $18-19.

TOMATOES: 25-pound cartons loose vine-ripe offerings from Florida of 5x6 size sold for $22, and mature green offerings sold lower for $29-31, while cartons 2-layer offerings of vine ripes from Mexico of 4x5 size sold lower for $18. Cartons of 12 1-pint baskets of cherry type light red-red medium size from Florida sold for mostly $13-15, while grape type Mexico sold from $22-24. Plum tomatoes packed in 25-pound cartons loose of extra-large size from Mexico sold lower from mostly $13.50-14.

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Biden warns of growing cost of delay on $1.9T econ aid plan

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President Joe Biden meets with Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen in the Oval Office of the White House on Friday in Washington.

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden warned Friday of a steep and growing "cost of inaction" on his $1.9 trillion COVID relief plan as the White House searched for "creative" ways to win public support for a package that is getting a cold shoulder from Senate Republicans.

In the age of COVID, it's not as simple as jumping on a plane to travel the country and try to gin up a groundswell. And at a time of deep polarization, Biden may struggle to convince Republican voters of the urgency when Congress already has approved $4 trillion in aid, including $900 billion last month.

Biden signaled on Friday for the first time that he's willing to move ahead without Republicans.

"I support passing COVID relief with support from Republicans if we can get it," he told reporters. "But the COVID relief has to pass. No ifs, ands or buts."

His message so far has been that a fresh $1.9 trillion in aid would be a bargain compared to the potential damage to the world's largest economy if it doesn't pass. An aggressive push for vaccinations and generous aid to individuals would help put parents back to work and let children return to school and improve their lifetime earnings, Biden said at a Friday meeting with Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen. They met in the Oval Office, where the fireplace was lit to protect against the chill in Washington.

"We have learned from past crises that the risk is not doing too much," he said. "The risk is not doing enough."

Only a week into his presidency, Biden is confronting the challenge of selling his first major piece of legislation to a country he has pledged to unite. Private calls with Republican lawmakers have yet to produce any progress on reaching a deal, while Senate Democrats are now preparing to pass the measure strictly on partisan lines as soon as next week.

Some Biden allies have expressed frustration that the administration has not more clearly defined what the massive legislation would actually accomplish. The new president instead has largely focused his first nine days in office on signing executive orders rolling back his predecessor's policies.

In particular, Biden, for whom the widespread distribution of coronavirus vaccines will be a defining test, has not explained what the increased money for testing and vaccination would achieve – including how much quicker the White House believes it would help bring about an end to the pandemic.

Biden's outreach to senators has largely brought criticism that the plan should be more targeted and that the country can afford to wait to see the effects of the stimulus dollars that were approved in December.

Republican lawmakers see a need for speeding vaccinations, but one Senate aide said their offices are not being bombarded with calls for an additional aid package. Constituents are more focused on the looming impeachment trial, said the aide, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss private conversations.

This has left the Biden team trying to expand its outreach beyond Capitol Hill.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Biden recognizes the importance of speaking directly to the American people about his plan for vaccinations and supporting the economy, but the pandemic has limited his ability to safely travel to drum up support. The administration is relying on TV interviews by White House officials and allies with local media and national shows like "The View," as well as calls with governors, local officials and progressive and civic groups.

"We're taking a number of creative steps, a little outside of the box," Psaki said. "Certainly, his preference would be to get on a plane and fly around the country."

Part of the challenge is that Biden must convince the public how different components of his proposal would work together. His plan allots $400 billion to spearhead a national vaccination program and the reopening of schools. It also includes $1,400 in direct payments to individuals, which critics say should be more targeted. And it includes a raise in the the minimum wage to $15 and aid for state and local governments, a nonstarter for most Republicans.

Many Republicans are under more political pressure from donors and activists back home to rein in spending than to approve more. Some Republicans particularly object to what are still seen by many as bailouts for cash-strapped state and local governments.

Some do support a deal, just not what Biden is offering. Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, a member of a bipartisan group of legislators contacted by the administration, said he supports funds for vaccine distribution and even potentially extra jobless benefits, but he wants a full accounting of what funding remains from previous aid packages.

GameStop soars again; Wall Street bends under the pressure

NEW YORK (AP) — Another bout of selling gripped the U.S. stock market Friday, as anxiety mounts over whether the frenzy behind a swift, meteoric rise in GameStop and a handful of other stocks will damage Wall Street overall.

The S&P 500 dropped 1.9 percent, giving the benchmark index its biggest weekly loss since October. The Dow Jones Industrial Average and Nasdaq each fell 2 percent.

GameStop shot up nearly 70 percent, clawing back much of its steep loss from the day before, after Robinhood said it will allow customers to start buying some of the stock again. GameStop has been on a stupefying 1,600 percent run over the last three weeks and has become the battleground where swarms of smaller investors see themselves making an epic stand against the 1 percent.

The assault is directed squarely at hedge funds and other Wall Street titans that had bet the struggling video game retailer's stock would fall. Those firms are taking sharp losses, and other investors say that's pushing them to sell other stocks they own to raise cash. That, in turn, helps pull down parts of the market completely unrelated to the revolt underway by the cadre of smaller and novice investors.

The maniacal moves for GameStop and a few other formerly beaten-down stocks has drowned out many of the other issues weighing on markets, including the virus, vaccine rollouts and potential aid for the economy.

"Our consideration is whether this is something that is a long-term influence or contained within a handful of companies," said Tom Hainlin, national investment strategist at U.S. Bank Wealth Management.

Meanwhile, calls for regulators to step in are growing louder on Capitol Hill, and the Securities and Exchange Commission says it's carefully monitoring the situation.

From boots to business – veterans excel as entrepreneurs

In the course of serving the nation, veterans learn valuable skills and self-discipline that they can carry through to their post-military careers.

One professional path that some veterans take is entrepreneurship. According to the most recent U.S. Census data, in 2020, the number of veteran-owned businesses was over 2.4 million. Those businesses employed more than 5 million people.

Veteran traits as successful business owners

Some of the characteristics that many veterans and successful entrepreneurs have in common include:

■ Leadership skills
■ Proficiency in assessing risks
■ The drive to rise to the challenge
■ Adept at strategic thinking
■ Ability to adapt to the situation at hand

Veterans' military training and experiences in their tour of duty lay a foundation of responsibility and accountability. That can be a tremendous advantage when navigating the challenging of entrepreneurship.

Of course, starting and growing a business also requires additional learning. Fortunately, some excellent resources exist to help veterans as they embrace their dreams of business ownership.

SCORE™

This column is provided by SCORE, an organization dedicated to helping small businesses start, grow and succeed. The local SCORE chapter provide free and confidential mentoring in management, accounting, marketing and business plan preparation.

Business startup resources for veterans

■ Veterans fast launch initiative by SCORE

The SCORE Foundation and several major corporations have partnered to offer this program. It provides free software and services in combination with SCORE's mentoring program to help veterans and their families to start and succeed as small business owners.

■ Boots 2 Business reboot

This entrepreneurship training program through the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) helps veterans and their spouses learn what's involved in starting a business. Classes are held throughout the U.S. and are available online, as well.

■ Office of Veterans Business Development

The OVBD facilitates the use of all SBA programs by veterans, active military personnel, and their spouses and children.Services and resources include funding for veteran-owned small businesses, entrepreneurship training programs and veteran contracting.

■ Veteran entrepreneur portal

VEP provides veterans with direct online access to resources that can help guide them through the steps of starting and running a business.

■ Veteran Women Igniting the Spirit of Entrepreneurship

V-WISE helps women veterans and female military partners learn the skills necessary to develop their ideas and start their businesses. The training program involves an online course, a three-day training event, and ongoing mentoring and training.

■ Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities

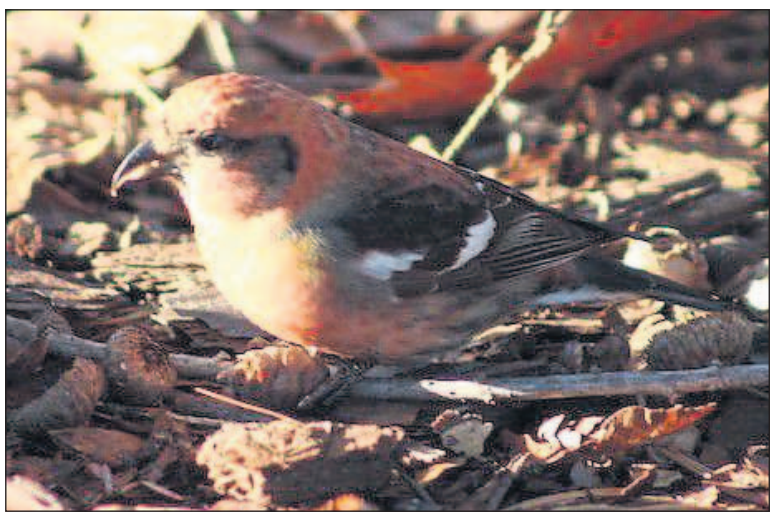
The EBV program helps post-9/11 veterans with service-related disabilities develop their business knowledge and entrepreneurial skills. Since it was founded at Syracuse University in 2007, it has expanded to other universities throughout America, too.

In addition to these resources, veterans can also gain valuable guidance and insight by requesting a SCORE mentor. For more information about starting or operating a small business, visit your local SCORE Southwest Michigan chapter at www.swmi.score.org or call 269-344-1419.

hp OUTDOORS

Photo provided / Jackie Jensen

A male white-winged crossbill on Jan. 9 in New Buffalo Township.



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A male white-winged crossbill on Jan. 9 in New Buffalo Township.

White-winged crossbills make rare local appearance

A flock of white-winged crossbills was reported on Jan. 9 in New Buffalo Township by Jackie Jensen of Union Pier. White-winged crossbills are a species of finch that inhabit the northern coniferous forests of Canada and northern U.S. during the summer months. In winter, they irrupt southward regularly, albeit in small numbers, into the Upper Peninsula and portions of the northern Lower Peninsula. However, white-winged crossbills turn up infrequently in the southern half of the Lower Peninsula, which makes Jensen's observation noteworthy.

Jonathan Wuepper
Southwest Michigan Wildlife

Jensen reported a flock of 15 white-winged-crossbills and was able to capture photos of both male and female of the species. As you can see the male appears pinkish-red over much of its body while the female appears a dull green. Both sexes have dark wings with two distinct white wing bars for which the bird is named. Its bill is indeed crossed, and reminds me of a pair of tin-snips, enabling the bird to easily crack open pine cones.

The white-winged crossbill prefers the seeds of spruce trees, along with eastern hemlock, tamarack and fir trees. During the winter of 2007-2008, a large invasion of white-winged crossbills occurred into the northern tier of states.

That winter there were hundreds of white-winged crossbills sightings throughout all of Michigan. I recall seeing a flock of about 30 crossbills near Edwardsburg in Cass County feeding on seeds from the cones of Douglas fir trees.

So far this winter there have been just a handful of white-winged crossbill sightings from southern Michigan, and Jensen's is the only known sighting from the southwest portion of Michigan.

Bob and Pat Conrad of Lincoln Township sent in some great pictures of a white-tailed deer jumping over a four-foot tall chain link fence in their backyard. There are two additional deer visible in the photo seen foraging for food. These three deer likely represent a small family group.

Photo provided / Bob Conrad

White-tailed deer forage for food in the backyard of Bob and Pat Conrad of Lincoln Township on Jan. 6. White-tailed deer can jump a standard four foot fence with little effort.

During late winter into March, white-tailed deer will herd together in greater numbers. Over in Cass County, I have seen herds of deer in late winter numbering around 150.

Earlier this month, Greg Myrkle of Bangor took a nice, up-close photo of a male northern cardinal while visiting the Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery in Van Buren County. Northern cardinals are welcomed and familiar birds to those of us who live in Michigan.

As early as February, we will hear the male cardinal sing its familiar song on crisp, clear, sunny mornings. While cardinal nesting in Southwest Michigan won't begin in earnest until March, males begin to claim nesting territories as early as February.

Although no photo was obtained, it is worth noting that Glenda Davidson of Berrien Township reported an eastern phoebe on Jan. 25, in the vicinity of her bird feeders. Davidson said: "The phoebe touched down on the feeder, bobbed his tail a couple of times and flew off."

Photo provided / Greg Myrkle Jr.

A male northern cardinal earlier this month in Van Buren County.

The eastern phoebe is a flycatcher common to Southwest Michigan from April to October. The species winters in the Southeastern U.S. and there are a few winter records for Southwest Michigan, most occurring in December. Any remaining eastern phoebes in the area in December usually succumb to the elements by January.

I would like to make a correction to my Jan. 16 column, in that the photos of the American kestrel should have been credited to Greg Myrkle, Jr. of Bangor.

Jonathan Wuepper is an area naturalist. Report your sightings to him at wueperj@gmail.com.

Wisconsin DNR board refuses to set early wolf hunt

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources policy board narrowly refused Republican legislators' request Friday to implement a wolf hunt immediately, citing concerns that the department can't move that fast and Wisconsin's Native American tribes haven't been consulted as per treaty rights.

The decision marks a setback for farmers who say they've been struggling with wolves preying on their livestock for years. Ryan Klussendorf, a Medford dairy farmer, told the board before it made its decision that wolves have been preying on his livestock for a decade and have started stalking children at bus stops. He said he's tired of listening to people from urban settings like Madison and Milwaukee talk about wolves' beauty and the harmony of nature while he's living a "daily nightmare."

Then-President Barack Obama's administration delisted Great Lakes wolves in late 2011. Republican legislators passed a law the next spring requiring the DNR to hold a hunt every fall. The department ran three hunts from 2012 to 2014 before a federal judge put the animals back on the endangered species list.

Former President Donald Trump's administration removed them from the list earlier this month. DNR officials had said in December they planned to resume a hunt in November. That wasn't soon enough for a group of GOP lawmakers led by Sen. Rob Stafsholt and Treig Pronschinske; they sent the DNR board a letter on Jan. 15 demanding the department launch a hunt right now.

According to department estimates, the number of wolves in the state has grown from 815 in 2012 to 1,034 last year. The DNR estimates 256 packs roamed the state in 2020.

The Republican request tore the scab off one of the most contentious environmental conflicts Wisconsin has faced in the last 25 years. Nearly 50 people spoke at Friday's board meeting. Another 1,400 submitted written comments.

Supporters of an early hunt argued that the wolf population now stands at about 1,000 animals, three times the DNR's goal of 350 wolves statewide, and they're wreaking havoc on livestock and pets.

Representatives from Native American tribes with reservations in Wisconsin said they consider the wolf sacred.

FISHING REPORT

Southwest Lower Peninsula

More anglers are venturing out, though caution needs to be used as ice conditions were not uniform by any means. Anglers should always use caution, especially on any lakes closer to Lake Michigan, which take longer to freeze up.

Branch County: Some lakes were producing limits of panfish.

Calhoun County: Panfish have been caught on several lakes. A pike was taken on Prairie Lake.

Kalamazoo County: More anglers are heading out, though there are still several lakes that take longer to freeze and should not be considered safe yet.

Jackson County: Ice fishing is taking place on some lakes, and some are taking shanties out.

Clinton County: A few bluegill and decent catches of crappie have been caught on area lakes. The bite was best at first light and just before dark. Most are using small jigs with wax worms and spikes.

Grand River near Grand Rapids: The occasional steelhead continues to be caught, along with a few walleye.

Muskegon River: Perch are being caught if you can find safe ice.

– Michigan DNR, Jan. 27

Sarett Nature Center

Owl Prowl: 7 p.m. Feb. 5 and Feb. 20. Join Sarett naturalists to learn about owls at Sarett and different owl calls, and look and listen for owls on the property. Call 927-4832 to reigster.

Sweetheart Snowshoe (or Hike with Your Honey): 7 p.m. Feb. 13. Sarett is teaming up with 12 Corners Vineyard for this event. End your snowshoe at the new outdoor warming area with a glass of wine. Cost is $5 for members, $8 for non-members and includes one glass of wine. Additional glasses may be purchased at time of program. Call 927-4832 to register.

How to Maple Sugar at Home – A Virtual Experience: Feb. 16-March 27. Learn to make your own maple syrup by watching Sarett's instructional video on how to tap a tree, collect the sap and boil the sap down. Visit www.sarett.org to view the video, and go to the online store if you need a spile.

Harbor Country Hikers

Ancient Beaches of Indiana: 2 p.m. Feb. 6 at Glenwood Dunes in Indiana Dunes National Park. Meet in the parking lot at 1596 N. Kemil Road, Chesterton, Ind. for a 2.5-mile hike. HCH President Pat Fisher will tell the story of impressive glacial features and nearby Great Marsh and Toleston Shorelines. Hikers are advised to dress in layers, wear a warm hat and bring water. Depending on the weather, there may be muddy or icy areas. HCH hikers observe social distancing and the use of face masks is required.

For more information, go to harborcountryhikers.com/events.

Winter Outdoor Family Adventure

Winter Outdoor Family Adventure: Feb. 19-21. Open to families with youth age 5-19. Families will participate as household teams, complete winter-themed missions and share their progress with other participants on GooseChase, a scavenger hunt-like app. Families can participate from home, cabin, cottage, the campground or wherever they are located during this time. Families can expect to learn about and or participate in the following activities: snowshoeing, cross country skiing, fat tire biking, outdoor cooking, trapping, ice fishing, winter crafts, winter mammals, winter activities like building a snowman and making a snow angel. Participants do not need to have access to equipment for the activities to participate in this program.

To sign up, go to www.goosechase.com/download and set up an account, then register at https://events.anr.msu.edu/winteroutdoorfamilyadventure/ For questions, contact Kelly Stelter, 4-H Program Coordinator at grandtke@msu.edu, or the local Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 927-5674.

Watervliet Rod & Gun Club

CPL classes: The Watervliet Rod and Gun Club is offering concealed pistol license classes.

February: Register from 6-7 p.m. Feb. 2. Classes are from 6-10 p.m. Feb. 4 and from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 6. For more information, call 470-9191 or 468-3837.

Submit information for Get Outdoors to sports@TheHP.com, fax to 429-4392 or call 429-1294 by Wednesday.

Submitting hunting or fishing photos

Have a behemoth buck, a tremendous turkey or supersized salmon?

Please submit photos to sports@TheHP.com.

Your photo must be in focus, all persons in the photo must be identified, and the general location of the hunt must be provided (for example, 10-point buck shot in Benton Township, black bear shot near Munising, Mich., etc.)

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Celebrating people in 2021

Starting with front-line health care workers

Alexandra Newman
Let's Celebrate

As I stated in my first "Let's Celebrate" column in 2019: celebrating is one of the best parts of life.

Whether it's an anniversary, birthday, weight loss, a financial goal, a new home, sobriety or a personal arbitrary milestone, it brings a bit of joy to an otherwise cruel world.

Up until now, this column has been about holidays to celebrate, like National Serpent Day on Feb. 1 or National Homemade Soup Day on Feb. 4.

Going forward, I'm going to highlight a few holidays to celebrate, but it's going to focus on people in the community to celebrate, and ways to do it.

We've spent the last year celebrating front-line health care workers, so that's who I want to focus on in my first revamped "Let's Celebrate" column.

Employees of Spectrum Health Lakeland, and other health systems around the country, have been asked to work in unimaginable conditions during the COVID-19 pandemic, and they're still doing it.

Early on, we saw drive-by thank-you parades, luminary events and other gestures of gratitude to those nursing us back to health. But many of those public displays have since faded into the background.

If you would like to continue those kind gestures, Spectrum Health Lakeland officials have provided a few things you can do:

■ Submit a message of support on the Stay Strong page: www.spectrumhealth.org/covid19/thank-you

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Don Campbell / HP file photo

Spectrum Health Lakeland staff watch as dozens of area police and fire vehicles make a stop at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph on April 23 as a tribute to health care workers.

Erin Hooley / Chicago Tribune

Jessica and Jason Jaffrey sit with their children in their Oak Park, Ill., home. The children are, from left, Maya Cherikos, 15, Delaney Cherikos, 12, Connor Jaffrey, 10, and Matthew Jaffrey, 14. The couple eloped via Zoom on New Year's Eve after the pandemic canceled their wedding plans.

'For us, it was perfect'

Couples turning to Zoom elopements, with just 2 people in love and an online officiant

By NARA SCHOENBERG
Chicago Tribune

"It was really nice, I have to say. We could just enjoy each other and not have to worry about DJs, and food, and not saying 'hi' to everyone."
JESSICA JAFFREY

The cake was from Costco, the food was Italian takeout, the venue was the couple's Oak Park, Ill., family room.

Jessica and Jason Jaffrey got married on New Year's Eve with no guests, other than her two school-age daughters from a previous marriage, and a close friend who agreed to officiate via Zoom.

The 15-minute ceremony was followed by a Champagne toast and phone calls to family and friends.

"It was really nice, I have to say," said Jessica Jaffrey, 44, a women's health nurse practitioner. "We could just enjoy each other and not have to worry about DJs, and food, and not saying 'hi' to everyone. For us, it was perfect."

Zoom elopements, in which the guest list is pared down to nearly zero, are on the rise during the pandemic, according to Brides.com Editorial Director Roberta Correia. She said elopements are in keeping with the better-known micro-wedding trend, in which the couple invites up to 10 guests for an in-person ceremony and everyone else attends via Zoom.

"If anything, the pandemic has made people want to get married faster; it's 'I want that person in the lifeboat with me. I want to start this partnership right now,'" Correia said.

The 2020 Brides American Wedding Study found the COVID-19 pandemic increased the desire to get married for 82 percent of newlyweds, with 81 percent of newlyweds saying COVID-19 changed their expectations for their wedding.

Corriea summed up the situation with a line from the movie "When Harry Met Sally": "When you realize you want to spend the rest of your life with somebody, you want the rest of your life to start as soon as possible."

At the beginning of 2020, the Jaffreys were planning a low-key destination wedding with sand, surf and sun for their active, blended family, which includes their four children from previous marriages: her daughters, Maya and Delaney Cherikos, 15 and 12; and his sons, Matthew and Connor Jaffrey, 14 and 10.

When COVID-19 made that impossible, they switched to Plan B: a late-summer or early-fall rooftop wedding for 50.

When the pandemic raged on, they briefly considered Plan C: a Las Vegas elopement.

By mid-December, that didn't seem safe either. The Jaffreys formulated Plan D, a courthouse wedding, only to discover there was a two-month waiting period to be married by a judge.

And then, there was the fifth and final plan. New Year's was approaching, and with it, the end of 2020, a year widely compared to a dumpster fire.

"We just kind of realized, 'Let's do it,'" said Jason, 47, a sales manager for a media company. "It had been a crummy year for a lot of people, and we just wanted to cap it off with something that was special to us."

Plan E was a Zoom elopement, with the couple's good friend, Megan Keenan, 39, of Oklahoma City, as the officiant.

The Jaffreys had about a week and a half to plan a Dec. 31 ceremony. Jessica's daughters did the decorations with balloons and streamers. Jessica wore a work dress and Jason wore a blue button-down shirt.

The ceremony itself, held shortly after noon, lasted about 15 minutes.

"There were so many wonderful things that they were already doing and already committed to that were in progress," Keenan said. "What a beautiful foundation to move a marriage forward, with all those things."

Jason and Jessica met on an online dating site in October 2014.

"I'm not gonna lie," he said. "I fell in love with her beauty before I met her in person. But also, we had a very long courting period of a couple weeks before we met, where we were texting."

She used to say, "I'm a hoot," he said, and she was. He fell in love with her humor, her quirkiness, her wit, her sweetness and her intelligence.

She remembers driving down the Eisenhower Expressway with him, after just a few months of dating.

"It was this overwhelming physical feeling of just loving him, just loving every ounce of him," she said. "This was not (either of) our first marriage, so to feel that feeling again was just amazing and powerful."

They both loved taking the kids to Lake Michigan, listening to live music and spending time outdoors.

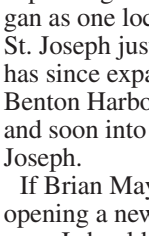
"I always joked that we were two peas (in a pod), and he actually got a little two peas necklace made," Jessica said.

The Jaffreys had already fallen in love, bought a house together and blended their families when they eloped.

But, still, marriage is different, Jason said: "I walk around the kitchen, saying, 'Hello, wife.' It feels nice."

Finally, a little good news

Andy Steinke



If you follow along with the day-to-day happenings of Southwest Michigan, maybe you've noticed there's finally a little good news to share – at least if you enjoy food and drink.

The COVID-19 pandemic is still ongoing, and probably will be for at least half of 2021 while vaccines are circulated, but there have been reasons for joy recently.

Late last week, we told you about Paula Camp and Carriage House Ciders, which will produce and sell handmade hard apple cider out of a 134-year-old carriage house along North Shore Drive in Benton Township.

Not only will it be another unique addition to the region's beer, wine and spirits scene, its products will be made entirely from Southwest Michigan apples.

I'm more of a craft beer guy, myself, but if this hard cider is made from a large variety of local, twice-checked fruit, you won't have to twist my arm too hard for me to give it a try.

Also late last week, we learned Forte Coffee was expanding – again. What began as one location in south St. Joseph just two years ago has since expanded into the Benton Harbor Arts District, and soon into downtown St. Joseph.

If Brian Maynard keeps opening a new shop every year, I should have one in my backyard in no time.

On Wednesday, we broke the news about local developer Haresh Patel bringing a Wingstop restaurant to one of the storefronts along Mall Drive. Patel owns 31 Wingstop franchises throughout the Midwest, and this could be the first of three in Michiana.

While some on social media have questioned the location – and rightfully so, it's just a stone's throw from Wings Etc. – it's nonetheless a joy to see an empty storefront come to life again.

If someone would just fill the old OfficeMax building across the street with another wings restaurant, Mall Drive could become for chicken wings what M-139 has become for auto parts. The more the merrier!

But the best news came on Tuesday, when we announced that Patel, also a Dunkin' franchisee, would be bringing a Dunkin'/Baskin-Robbins franchise to the Sonic Drive-in complex just off I-94 along M-139.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Missy is a pint-sized pup, not expected to get much bigger. She loves all squeaky toys. Adopted from Berrien County Animal Control as a baby, sadly her doggie housemate didn't get along with her. Missy lacks confidence around other dogs, so it's recommended she's the only dog while she works on building self-esteem. She is 9 to 10 months old, and is spayed. To make an appointment to meet her, call animal control at 927-5648.

STEINKE

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He'll also be opening a Dunkin' inside a BP gas station in Bridgman, but it's the Benton Township location that'll be dangerous because it's right on my way to work. Or, it would be if I was still driving to the office every day (I might have to start commuting again).

In the newsroom, we use any excuse we can muster to share doughnuts: it's Election Day, it's someone's birthday, it's Tuesday. I didn't say the reasons were always good, and they'll probably get even worse now that a Dunkin' will be on my way to the office.

I almost crashed my car in excitement Sunday morning when I noticed the roadside sign announcing its arrival. I've been wanting a Dunkin' in that corridor since there were rumors circulating years ago that one was moving in next to Little Caesars (those dastardly lies!).

With all this good news lately, I can't wait to see what new restaurants next week brings.

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■ Volunteer at a COVID-19 vaccination clinic: www.spectrumhealthlakeland.org/how-we-compare/covid-19-vaccination-volunteers

■ Donate meals to staff: www.spectrumhealthlakeland.org/covid19/covid-19-giving-opportunities

■ Donate to the COVID-19 response fund: give.spectrumhealth.org/lakeland/covid

■ Donate blood or plasma: www.spectrumhealthlakeland.org/how-we-compare/newsroom/Detail/Lakeland-Uses-Plasma-Therapy-to-Treat-COVID-19-Patients/c4193332-c96c-4809-94f0-8959a92c67c2

Other opportunities to celebrate front-line health care workers in February include National Women Physician's Day on Feb. 3, National Send a Card to a Friend Day on Feb. 7, National Giving Hearts Day on Feb. 11 and National Organ Donor Day on Feb. 14.

Going forward, I would love to highlight other professions, organizations and people in our community who are doing good things or need a little extra celebration.

Don't worry, I already have National Teacher Appreciation Week down for the focus of May's column, along with providing options on how to celebrate all they do that week.

If you would like to nominate someone, or a group of someones, to be celebrated, send me an email at anewman@TheHP.com or reach out to me on Twitter @HPANewman.

Alexandra Newman is a staff writer for The Herald-Palladium.

VOLUNTEERS

Get behind the wheel

Senior Nutrition Services/Meals on Wheels of Southwest Michigan needs drivers in the South Haven area on Wednesdays and Fridays for about two hours a day.

All applicants will need to fill out forms. They will be asked to sign a confidentiality and HIPAA form, and undergo background checks. They must own a reliable vehicle that can accommodate large coolers/hot boxes that contain meals.

Pets aren't allowed to accompany volunteers on their routes, for the safety of seniors.

For questions, contact Renee at 925-0137.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Garden attendants

Do you love being outdoors? Are you looking to fulfill volunteer community service hours?

The Krasl Art Center needs hard-working volunteers to help maintain its Sculpture Garden and surrounding grounds. Volunteers will assist the facilities manager, and are encouraged to bring a friend or work in small teams of two to four people.

Shifts are 1-2 hours, and can be worked into volunteers' schedules.

For more information, email volunteer@krasl.org.

To sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

A media guru

United Christian Services serves residents in Van Buren County, and the need for its services are growing.

So, it's on the hunt for a guru to help manage its social media presence and website.

Interested volunteers can email alison.ucs@gmail.com.

Groundskeeper

The PARCOURSE groundskeeper assistant at Lakeland Hospital, Watervliet will be responsible for basic upkeep of the outdoor fitness course.

They will pick up and dispose of litter and trash from the grounds, keep asphalt paths and wheelchair-accessible pads clear of debris (gravel, mulch, grass clippings, etc.), and rake mulch smooth so it's without ruts and dips.

Other duties will be assigned as needed to keep the PARCOURSE looking neat, clean and safe for users.

Shifts are 2-4 hours, once a week, Mondays through Fridays. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old, but preferably 18 or older.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

After-school help

Youth Development Company/PAL is seeking volunteer tutors for its After School Experience. Volunteers should have a passion for working with children in kindergarten through eighth grade.

Those who have an hour to help children with homework, tutor or lend an empathetic ear to someone who maybe had a rough day are encouraged to volunteer.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Help foster families

Foster Closet of Michigan – Berrien County provides free items to foster families and children. The items help rebuild foster children's lives by giving them something to call their own, and it helps relieve some of the financial strain on foster parents.

Volunteers are needed to help open the closet's doors to the public. The closet is open twice a week for two hours.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

United Way of Southwest Michigan

The Herald-Palladium, in conjunction with the United Way of Southwest Michigan, publishes volunteer opportunities every Saturday.

To view all current listings, please visit **volunteer.uwsm.org.**

Blood drive helpers

American Red Cross of Southwest Michigan is looking for blood drive volunteers in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties.

Volunteers will greet donors, instruct and help with registration, explain the importance of donations, help schedule appointments, screen donors for health concerns, and offer refreshments and conversation.

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Health screeners

The Berrien County Health Department has a health screening upon entry, and needs volunteers to help manage the station at the entrance to its Benton Harbor office.

The station also provides face masks to those who arrive without one.

This is a no-contact position. Volunteers can maintain social distancing from others and personal protective equipment will be provided.

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Military care

The American Red Cross Hero Care Network provides services to military members, veterans and their families around the world.

The American Red Cross of Southwest Michigan is looking for volunteers to help with tasks such as sending emergency communications for deployed service members, communicating with families of newly enlisted service members, and referring veterans and their families to local programs.

Training will be provided, and volunteers can work remotely. For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Health care heroes

PACE of Southwest Michigan is looking for medically trained volunteers to help support staff and clients as a nurse and nursing assistant.

The nurse will provide care to participants in the PACE Center and in the community. The nursing assistant will perform participant care activities and other tasks as assigned to assist the primary care, therapy and adult day health staff.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

CASA volunteers

A court-appointed special advocate (CASA) volunteer advocates in the community and courtroom for the best interests of foster children in Berrien County.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, all work is being conducted remotely, including training. Volunteers must be at least 21 and pass a background check.

For more info, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

CHURCH NOTES

Overflow Church, 300 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, will host a free drive-in movie night at 6 p.m. tonight featuring "Soul." There will be free popcorn, hot chocolate and candy, and a 5 p.m. pre-show honoring local first responders. For more information, call 926-1191 or visit overflowchurch.org.

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The Herald-Palladium publishes news for engagements, weddings and anniversaries on weekends.

One of the couple must be a resident or former resident of Southwest Michigan to have the announcement published.

Forms are available online at www.TheHP.com/site/forms and in our office, 3450 Hollywood Road, St. Joseph. Information submitted will be used as space permits.

Engagements

Engagement stories and pictures are published only if they are received more than 30 days before the wedding date. Stories are published with a picture of the couple.

Weddings

Wedding stories and pictures will be published if received within six months after the wedding date. Wedding stories are published with a picture of the couple.

Anniversaries

Brief stories with one picture will be published for couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years and every five years thereafter through 45 years. More complete stories and two photos will be published of couples celebrating 50 years and every five years thereafter.

Starting at 50 years, anniversaries may be accompanied by a current photo (no more than 5 years old) and an original wedding photo.

Anniversaries will be published if received within six months after the anniversary date. Publication dates cannot be guaranteed.

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Photographs for Couples announcements may be published in color for $15. There is no charge for photographs published in black and white. Announcements that don't specify black and white or color will be printed in black and white.

Return of pictures can't be guaranteed. An attempt will be made to return pictures accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. Pictures not returned by mail can be picked up at The Herald-Palladium office.

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Can Trump be tried?

Byron York

House Democratic impeachment managers have delivered to the Senate a single, hastily passed article of impeachment against former President Trump. A trial is set to begin on Feb. 9. It will be an event without precedent – the first time in U.S. history that a former president will be tried in a court of impeachment.

Several Republicans are arguing that a trial would be unconstitutional, that a former president cannot be tried. After all, they say, impeachment is the Constitution's method for removing a president who has been found guilty of serious misconduct. But Trump can't be removed. He's already gone, having served out his term that ended on Jan. 20.

Democrats will argue that the Constitution does not specifically say you can't impeach a former official. They will argue that when Article II of the Constitution says, "The president, vice president and all civil officers of the United States, shall be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of, treason, bribery or other high crimes and misdemeanors," it does not specifically prohibit the targeting of a former president.

They will also argue that when the Constitution says the penalty for impeachment "shall not extend further than to removal from office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust or profit under the United States," that means that while removal is irrelevant in Trump's case, the Senate can still, by finding Trump guilty, bar him from ever being president again.

To support their position, Democrats will point to a single precedent, the case of a Cabinet official, Secretary of War William Belknap, who in 1876 was accused of financial corruption. Minutes before the House was scheduled to impeach him, Belknap resigned, claiming that Congress could not impeach a former official.

The House went ahead and impeached Belknap anyway, and the Senate then debated whether Belknap, as a former official, could be tried in a court of impeachment. They eventually decided that he could, although a significant minority of senators believed the trial was unconstitutional. Then, after a five-month trial, they failed to convict Belknap by a vote of 37-25. The reason Belknap was acquitted was because of those senators who felt the trial was unconstitutional. Without them, the Senate could not reach the Constitution's two-thirds standard for conviction.

So that is the precedent Democrats will claim allows them to try former President Trump. But the fact is, there is more precedent for Congress choosing not to try a former official.

The biggest is the case of President Richard Nixon, who resigned ahead of impeachment in 1974. Once Nixon was out of office, the House ended its impeachment proceedings.

And then there are judges, who make up most of the impeachments in U.S. history. "On numerous occasions, the target of an impeachment inquiry resigned before the House could take a vote," wrote Michigan State University law professor Brian Kalt in an extensive 2001 article on late impeachments. "In every one of those cases (except, of course, that of Belknap), the House opted not to proceed." Kalt's article quoted a 1992 book, "Crimes, Follies, and Misfortunes: The Federal Impeachment Trials," by author Eleanore Bushnell, that said, "More than 50 federal judges have resigned while under investigation or after their impeachment had been recommended to the House of Representatives, and further action was not pursued against them."

So what is stronger precedent, Republicans will ask: a single case – Belknap – or dozens of cases, including one president, in which Congress decided not to pursue impeachment or trial against a former official?

But what about the argument that the Constitution does not specifically prohibit the trial of a former president? For that to work, then Article II of the Constitution, which says "The president ... shall be removed from office on impeachment ..." must refer not just to the president in office at the time, but also to former presidents. To that point, Kalt quotes an argument from the Belknap trial in which one of Belknap's attorneys said, "The word 'president' appears 14 other times in Article II, and in every single case it is undisputed that it refers to the person serving as president, not to a former president." That is true, and it is a powerful argument that the "shall be removed" section also refers to the president in office.

There are a lot of lawyers in the Senate. When the Trump trial begins, they will undoubtedly argue these matters. Republicans hoping to stop the trial altogether will lose in the face of a Democratic majority. But theirs is a case that should be made, before the Senate goes ahead with an action unprecedented in all of American history.

Byron York is a columnist for The Washington Examiner.

LETTERS

Time to try to undo Trump's damage

Editor,

On Jan. 20, a deep sigh of relief was heard around the world. Not only were the barbarians literally at the gates, but their chief had been sitting in the Oval Office for the past four years wreaking havoc on a daily, if not hourly basis. After instigating a failed coup d'etat against his own country, he is now gone, or so we fervently hope. Some of the damage he has done may be irreparable, and it will take years to undo and repair the rest.

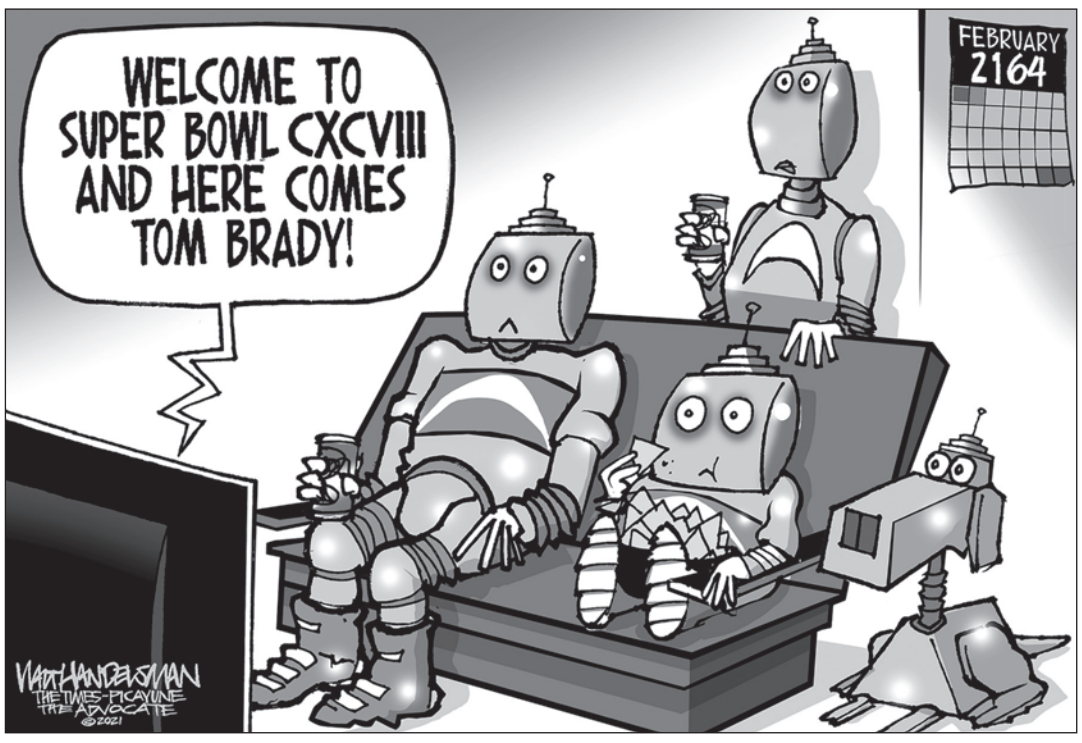
We have new leadership that is dedicated to uniting, rather than dividing us. But what about the millions of our fellow citizens who still believe in Donald Trump? How are we going to reconcile our differences, and return to sharing our mutual goals of peace, prosperity and the pursuit of happiness?

I don't know the answer. Especially when so many continue to question the results of the election without any supportive evidence. Many, including myself, have been bitterly dissatisfied with the outcomes of past presidential elections, but no losing candidate has ever before stubbornly refused to accept their loss, or to participate in an orderly transition of power for the good of the people. And we the people go on with our lives as best we can in the hope of prevailing in the next election. It's certainly not a perfect system, but no one I know of has yet come up with a better one.

Instead, Trump has retreated, (for now, at least), to his Florida resort without any apparent intention of conceding what is unequivocal and indisputable. He continues to agitate for civil conflict from the relative safety of his grandiose hideaway while millions of his followers go on willfully denying the obvious fact that they have been duped by a monstrous charlatan.

I believe that the vast majority of us want to live safely and securely, and are willing to share in their benefits. Meanwhile, let us not forget that we are in the midst of what may be one of the most devastating plagues in human history, and we need to come together in order to survive.

Scott Elliott
Benton Harbor



Dems can't unify with white supremacists

Editor,

For all the discussion of unity, I have to wonder if it's possible; more to the point, I wonder if Democrats should even bother trying. After all, the fallout from the insurrection against the very heart of our democracy shows that most congressional Republicans simply aren't interested.

The self-styled "party of law and order" seems to be uninterested in holding Trump, the instigator in chief, responsible for creating the conditions that culminated in the armed insurrection. They, apparently, have cynically decided that their desperate attempt to hold their fracturing party together is more important than the rule of law.

But the brazen hypocrisy doesn't end there. It's arguably as shameful that Cori Bush's denunciation of white supremacy was met with jeering and boos by many Republican House members during the impeachment debate of Jan. 13. This reaction comes as no great surprise to me, after watching the parade of white Republican House members (only one Republican person of color spoke) denounce the Democrat's attempt to hold Trump accountable. I can only wonder how the GOP has the unmitigated gall to continue to refer to itself as "the party of Lincoln." From where I'm sitting, it's more the party of David Duke today.

The idea of finding middle ground with those who jeer a denunciation of white supremacy is simply unworkable.

Robert Bruce
Berrien Springs

Upton showed courage in vote to impeach

Editor,

U.S. Rep. Fred Upton is under fire for his recent vote on impeaching President Trump for his actions and words on the morning of Jan. 6.

The Jan. 6t rally was the culmination of two months of his (President Trump's) rhetoric since the Nov. 3 election for president. The Allegan County GOP has stated that Upton's vote was a betrayal of his oath of office and the core values of the Republican Party (The HP, Jan. 26). Rep. Upton responded, "Congress should not tolerate any effort to impede the peaceful transfer of power."

My purpose today is to support Rep. Upton by observing that a vote of conscience is showing the true allegiance to his oath of office and to my core values (I am a registered Republican). The vote to impeach, in the Republican Party, is proof that he had the courage of his convictions. Otherwise he would have taken the easy vote.

His vote was a stand for truth and integrity and accountability. They can disagree with the politics of the vote but don't have to attack him in that manner. I don't know about the local GOP, but truth, integrity and accountability are very much a part of my core values and worldview.

Joe Hanchey
St. Joseph

ANOTHER OPINION

Game on in slop stocks

There's a gold rush going on in the financial markets. It features everyday underdogs getting their due and bigwig "bad guys" recoiling from their comeuppance. It's accompanied by online flame wars and some of the dumbest displays of dominance in the animal kingdom.

In short, it's an American phenomenon. And it's all fun and games until someone gets hurt. But it's not new. And it's not necessarily a problem.

At the center of things has been GameStop, a 25-year-old company with a washed-up retailing strategy. It sells video game equipment and titles at a time when that activity has moved online.

Accordingly, its share price was low, and many Wall Street traders were selling short, betting on lower yet. Though vilified, shorting is a valid activity that benefits the market. Differences in opinion are what makes a market.

But when the price of a heavily shorted stock rises instead, those traders tend to unwind their positions, creating a feedback loop known as a short squeeze. Opportunistic speculators then jump in, hoping to make a quick buck (or many) before the music stops. Speculation can be ugly and isn't for everyone, but the presence of speculators helps keep markets liquid.

The final influence recently has been an influx of inexperienced investors, using small amounts of initial capital and leverage they may not understand, egged on by message boards and newer trading platforms that have been, well, gamified.

The result is a bubble of absurdity that will burst.

Regulators, under pressure to respond, are monitoring the situation with GameStop and similarly frenetic stocks, as well they should be. But finding prosecutable manipulation can be a needle-in-a-haystack search.

There's concern that the activity will spill dangerously into the broad market, but so far existing patterns, though a bit raucous themselves, are holding.

Meanwhile, brokers have been raising the bar for participation and building outright barricades to trading the most volatile stocks, which will (and should) be temporary responses.

Ultimately, some of the new investors will be lucky enough to get rich quick and keep it. Others will lose it all. Most, though, will learn a thing or two from having seen a thing or two and will move on to strategies that are boring but stable.

– (Minneapolis) Star Tribune

The struggle for American Catholicism

E.J. Dionne

In another time, the election of only the second Roman Catholic President in American history, a loyal church-goer who publicly embraces his faith, would have brought satisfaction and even joy to the nation's large Catholic minority.

Instead, President Biden's rise has underscored deep divisions within the U.S. Church: the emergence of an increasingly hard right within the U. S. hierarchy now being met by a more vocal progressive Catholicism represented by Pope Francis and the cardinals and bishops he has appointed.

The day of Biden's inauguration brought a dramatic confrontation between the two forces.

Just hours after Biden had attended Mass at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, issued a statement that began by praising Biden's "piety" and "his moving witness to how his faith has brought him solace in times of darkness and tragedy," but then moved to an unprecedented first day rebuke.

"I must point out," Gomez wrote, "that our new President has pledged to pursue certain policies that would advance moral evils and threaten human life and dignity, most seriously in the areas of abortion, contraception, marriage, and gender. Of deep concern is the liberty of the Church and the freedom of believers to live according to their consciences."

The statement infuriated the Francis wing of the Church leadership, which had not been consulted. Cardinal Blase Cupich of Chicago took to Twitter that afternoon to deplore it as "ill-considered" and the product of "internal institutional failures" since it "came as a surprise to many bishops, who received it just hours before it was released." Other Francis allies, including Cardinal Joseph Tobin of Newark and Bishop Robert McElroy of San Diego, issued statements distancing themselves from Gomez's view.

And the Vatican itself was plainly unhappy. The Jesuit magazine America quoted a Vatican official calling the statement "most unfortunate" and Pope Francis set an upbeat tone. He said he was praying that Biden would be "guided by a concern for building a society marked by authentic justice and freedom" with a particular concern for "the poor, the vulnerable and those who have no voice."

"It's really striking" said David Gibson, director of the Center on Religion and Culture at Fordham University, "that you have the President of the United States, an old-time Catholic from Scranton, more in line with the Pope than the American Bishops."

Indeed, in his new book, "Joe Biden and Catholicism in the United States," Massimo Faggioli, a Villanova University theologian, linked Biden and Francis as advocates of a "dialogue-seeking Catholicism" built on "an optimistic evaluation of creation."

The conflict – called a "functional schism" by the Catholic writer Michael Sean Winters – encompasses more than a half century of Catholic history. Biden embodies the Catholicism of the Second Vatican Council of the 1960s, a period when the American Catholic imagination was shaped by the "two Johns," in the writer Garry Wills's evocative phrase, Pope John XXIII and John F. Kennedy.

Although opposition to abortion has been central to the Church's political engagement since the growth of the abortion rights movement and the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973, its public statements on social justice, economics and war and peace had strong progressive leanings through most the 1980s.

But a more conservative leadership appointed by Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI coincided with a Reagan Era push by intellectuals and activists on the Church's right to ally with the White evangelical political movement in opposition to abortion and advances in LGBTQ rights. The effect was to downplay the Church's social justice teachings and to create what Cathleen Kaveny, a Boston College theologian, called "an American fusion of Catholicism with certain conservative and nationalist forms of evangelical Protestantism."

Now the tables have turned again with Pope Francis. He sharply shifted the Church's public witness toward a crusade against poverty, social injustice and climate change. Francis regularly speaks against abortion, but he has repeatedly criticized those who cast abortion as, in the phrase Gomez invoked, the Church's "preeminent priority." Francis, like the more liberal bishops of the 1970s and 1980s, regularly links abortion to his broader agenda.

And this is why Gomez's admonishment was a blunder. Not only did he galvanize the pro-Francis forces in the Church willing to work with Biden on many issues. He also sent a message to the Biden administration that its formal dealings with the Catholic hierarchy should go not simply through the Bishops Conference, the traditional route, but also through the American Cardinals, three of whom were named by Francis.

Biden did not run for president to transform the politics of the Catholic Church. But the devout kid from Scranton is already having that effect.

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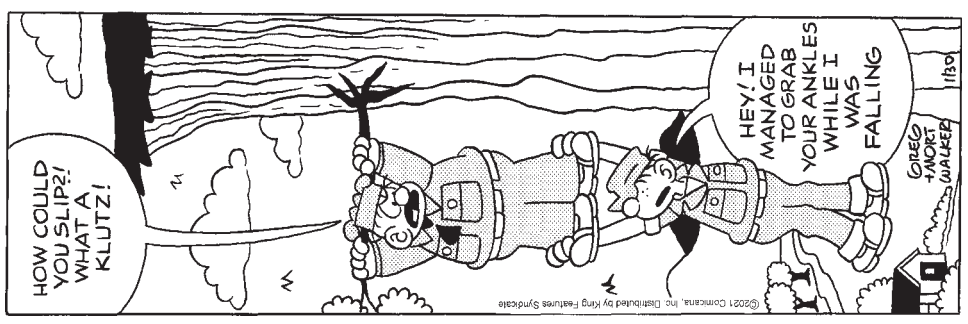
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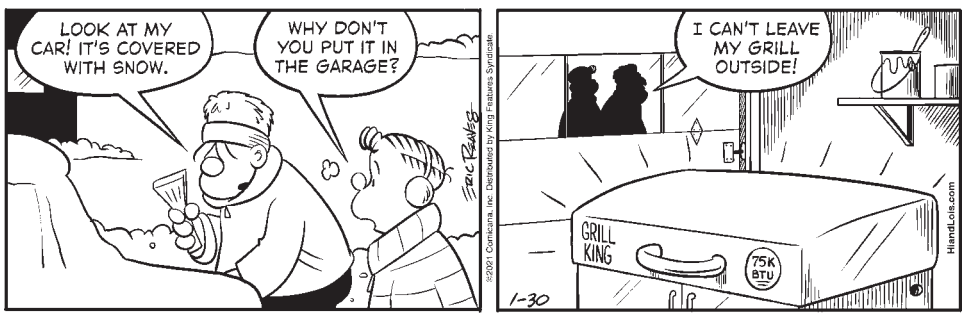
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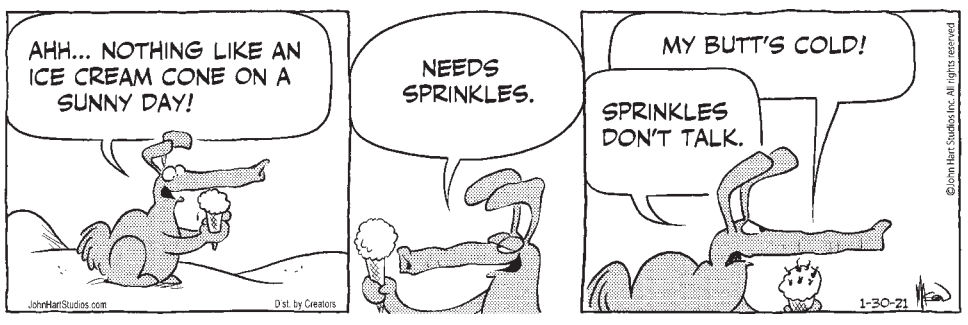

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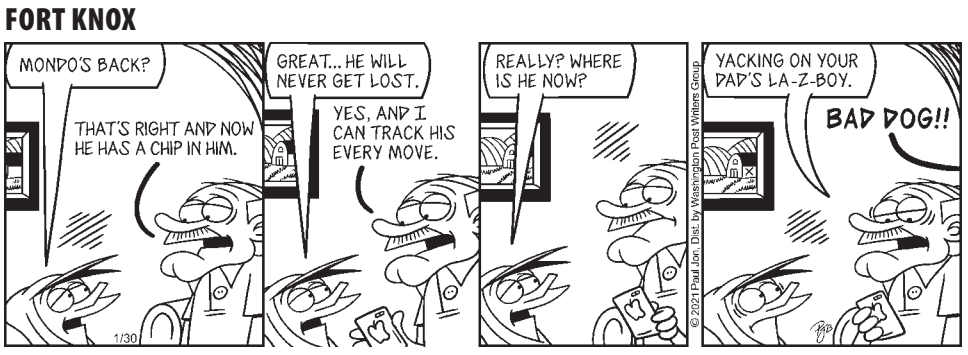
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THAT'S RIGHT AND NOW HE HAS A CHIP IN HIM.
GREAT... HE WILL NEVER GET LOST.
YES, AND I CAN TRACK HIS EVERY MOVE.
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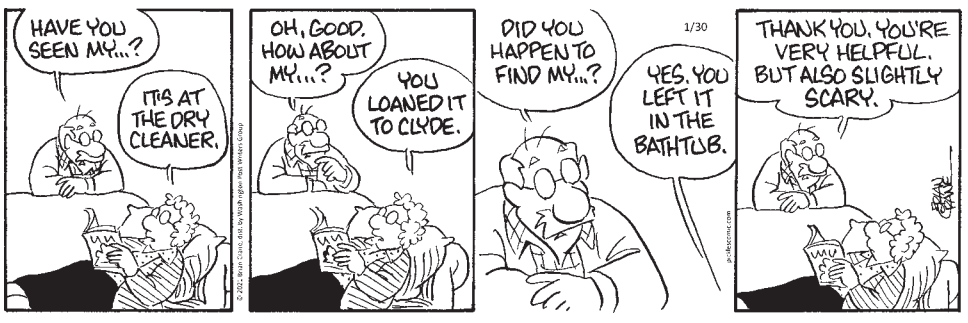
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YOU LOANED IT TO CLYDE.
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YES. YOU LEFT IT IN THE BATHTUB.
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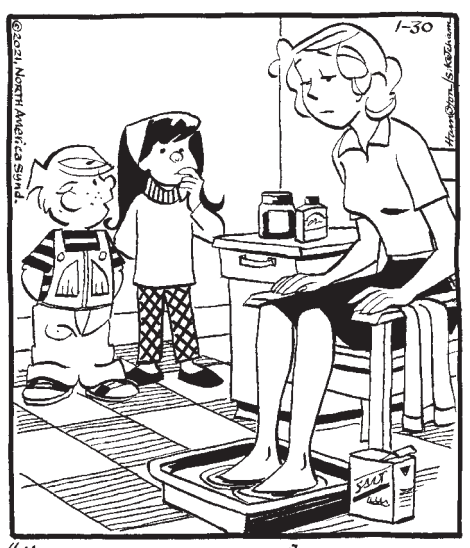

"MY FOLKS WENT OUT DANCIN'... AND SHE SAID MY DAD HAD TWO LEFT FEET... AND THAT'S WHY SHE HAS **NO FEET LEFT.**"

BABY BLUES

IS IT REALLY 10:30?
OH, WOW, I GUESS IT IS.
I'VE NOTICED THAT WE'RE STAYING AWAKE LONGER NOW THAT THE KIDS ARE OLDER.
WHO KNOWS? WITH A LITTLE PRACTICE, MAYBE SOMEDAY WE COULD SEE THE ELEVEN O'CLOCK NEWS!
ZZZZZZZZZZ
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CURTIS

I HAD *THE* WORST DAY AT THE DMV TODAY!
LONG LINES, SOCIAL DISTANCING, FAST TEMPERS AND A SLOW COMMUTE *BOTH* WAYS
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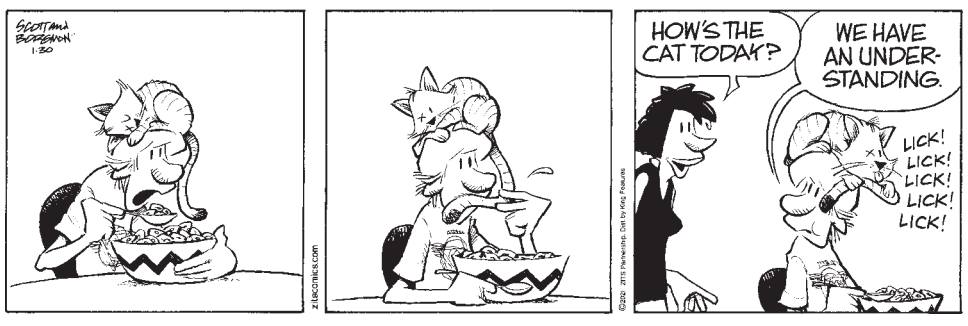

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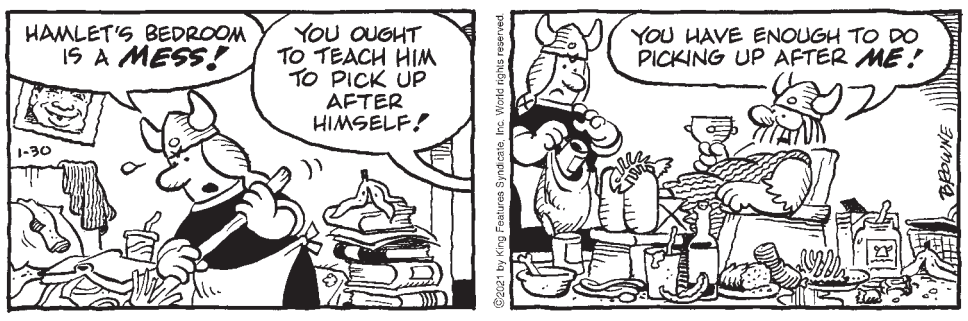
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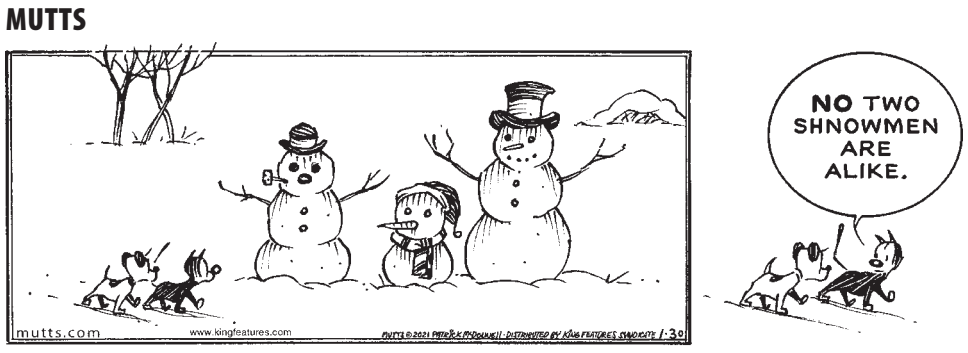
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I... I JUST NEED SOME TIME ALONE, MOM.
DO YOU WANT ME TO TELL YOU WHEN IT'S TIME FOR DINNER?
I'M NOT HUNGRY.
KEEFE
WE'RE ORDERING PIZZA.
I'LL HAVE A PERSONAL CHEESE PIZZA. THIS IS NO DAY FOR DAD TO SAY, "JUST TRY IT WITH FRIED ZUCCHINI" YET AGAIN.
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PRIME TIME TV

SATURDAY EVENING JAN. 30

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ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	NBA	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Boston Celtics. From TD Garden in Boston. (N) (L) CC				
CBS 2 3 22	Paid Program	NCIS: New Orleans "Convicted"		48 Hours CC		48 Hours CC	
NBC 5 8 16	Mentoring Kings	Ellen's Game of Games CC		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Saturday Night Live (N) CC	
FOX 17 22 28 32	College Hoops	Boxing PBC: Caleb Plant vs. Caleb Truax. (N) (L)				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Lawrence Welk	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	Antiques Roadshow CC		Frankie Drake Mysteries "Radio Daze"	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	News	Friends CC
MNT 50	Graham Bensinger	Dateline A detective tries to find a link.		Dateline "The Figure in the Garage" CC		Storm of Suspicion	
WCIU 26	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland CC (DVS)		Murdoch Mysteries CC		Murdoch Mysteries CC	
WGN 9	Friends "Pilot"	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	WGN Weekend News at Nine (N)	
A&E	The Fugitive ('93)	The Magnificent Seven ('16, Western) Denzel Washington. Mercenaries battle a ruthless industrialist in the Old West. CC					
AMC	O Brother	The Shawshank Redemption ('94) Tim Robbins. An innocent man goes to a Maine penitentiary for life in 1947. CC					
Animal	Pit Bulls	Pit Bulls-Parole		Pit Bulls and Parolees (N) CC			
BET	Madea	★★ Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married? ('07) Tyler Perry.					
Big Ten	TBA	To Be Announced					B1G
Bravo	6:10 ★★ Fifty Shades of Grey ('15)	:45 ★★ Fifty Shades of Grey ('15, Romance) Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan. CC (DVS)					
Cartoon	Gumball	Final Sp.	American	American	American	Rick	Rick
Cinemax	★★ Holy Rollers	★★★ Stand and Deliver ('88) Edward James Olmos. CC			:45 ★★★ Precious ('09) Gabourey Sidibe, Mo'Nique. CC		
CMT	★ Vegas Vacation	:45 ★★ National Lampoon's Vacation ('83) CC					
CNBC	Boss	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank		Undercover Boss	
CNN	News	Newsroom-Pam		CNN Special Report		CNN Special	
Comedy	Wedding	:15 ★ Grown Ups ('10) Adam Sandler. CC					Grown 2
Discovery	Afraid	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid	
Disney	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City
DIY	Maine	Maine Cabin Masters		Maine Cabin Masters		Maine Cabin Masters	
E!	:00 ★★ Sweet Home Alabama ('02)				★★ The Proposal ('09)		
ESPN	Basket	College Basketball Texas at Kentucky. (N)				X Games (N) (L)	
ESPN2	Basket	College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (L)				College Basketball	
ESPNC	Basket	College Basketball CC				College Basketball	
Food	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
Fox News	Life	Watters' World (N)		Justice With Jeanine		Greg Gutfeld	
Fox Sports	NHL Hockey: Panthers at Red Wings				Wings	NBA Basketball	
Freefrm	5:35 ★★ National Treasure ('04)	:45 ★★ National Treasure: Book of Secrets ('07, Action) Nicolas Cage, Jon Voight. CC					
FX	Equalizer	★★★ Deadpool 2 ('18) Ryan Reynolds. Deadpool joins forces with a team of mutants to fight Cable.					★★ Venom
Golf	:00 PGA Tour Golf Farmers Insurance Open, Third Round. CC						
Hallmark	:00 Winter Love Story ('19) Jen Lilley, Kevin McGarry. CC			Snowkissed ('21, Romance) Jen Lilley, Chris McNally. (P). CC			
HBO	★★ The High Note	★★ The Mummy ('99) Brendan Fraser, Rachel Weisz. (P). CC				:05 ★★ The Mummy Returns ('01)	
History	Saving	To Be Announced		The Pacific (Part 1 of 10) CC			Pacific
HGTV	Bones	Chateau		Love It or List It		Love It or List It	
Learning	My 600-	My 600-Lb. Life (N)				1000-Lb. Sisters (N)	
Lifetime	Salt-N-Pepa ('21)	Wendy Williams: The Movie ('21, Docudrama) Ciera Payton. (P). CC				:03 Wendy Williams: What a Mess! (N)	
MSNBC	Voices	Week-Johnson		Week-Johnson		American Voices	
MTV	:00 ★★ Get Hard ('15) Will Ferrell.				★★ We're the Millers		
NBCSCH	Bulls	NBA Basketball Portland Trail Blazers at Chicago Bulls.					Postgame
NFL	Sup. Bowl	Sup. Bowl	Sup. Bowl	Sup. Bowl	Sup. Bowl	Sup. Bowl	Sup. Bowl
Nick	Loud	Danger	Hustle	Sheldon	Sheldon	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Bikers	Outlaw Bikers CC		Outlaw Bikers CC		Outlaw Bikers CC	
Oxygen	One Deadly	One Deadly Mistake "Pattern of violence"		An Unexpected Killer "A Genius Murder"		Dateline: Secrets Uncovered CC	
Parmt	5:30 The Dark Knight ('08)			★★ The Guardian ('06, Drama) CC			
Showtime	6:30 ★★★ Apollo 13 ('95) Tom Hanks. CC			Burden ('18, Drama) Garrett Hedlund, Forest Whitaker. (P). CC			
Starz	:02 ★★ Men in Black: International ('19) CC			American Gods CC		9:54 ★★ Bloodshot ('20) CC	
STZENC	6:55 ★★★ Spider-Man ('02, Action) Tobey Maguire. CC			★★ Lake Placid ('99) Bill Pullman, Bridget Fonda. CC			Paranormal 2
SyFy	:35 ★★★ The Goonies ('85) Sean Astin. Young misfits find a 17th-century pirate's treasure map. CC					Resident Alien "Pilot" CC	
TBS	Suicide Squad	★★★ Wonder Woman ('17) Gal Gadot, Chris Pine. Wonder Woman discovers her full powers and true destiny. CC (DVS)					
TCM	Captain Blood	★★★ The Music Man ('62, Musical Comedy) Robert Preston, Shirley Jones, Buddy Hackett. CC					Small Town Girl
TMC	:20 Semper Fi ('19) Jai Courtney, Nat Wolff. CC			Tone-Deaf ('19) Robert Patrick, Amanda Crew. CC			Lifechanger
TNT	Beauty	★★★ How to Train Your Dragon				★★★ Shrek 2	
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Nation CC		Ghost Nation CC		Kindred Spirits	
TV Land	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
USA	6:30 ★★★ John Wick: Chapter 2 ('17) Keanu Reeves.			★★★ John Wick ('14, Action) Keanu Reeves, Michael Nyqvist. CC (DVS)			
VH1	6:30 Romeo Must Die ('00)			The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift			
WGN-A	:00 Blue Bloods	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC	

Overwhelmed new parents struggle to eat healthy food

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I have a close friend who recently had a baby with serious health problems. Unfortunately, we live on opposite sides of the country, and I can't afford to fly out there. I want to help, but short of calls and texts to let her know I'm thinking of her, I'm out of ideas.

She's mentioned several times that with all the work of being a new parent plus the extra work involved with a child with special needs, she often doesn't have time to prepare healthy meals and reverts to junk food that she can grab easily. Ordinarily, I'd bring over a few meals to help out, but that's impossible to do when she's so far away.

Restaurant gift cards would be an option, but unfortunately she and her husband don't have the time to go to one. I'm hoping you might have other ideas on how I can help out from afar. – Puzzled About Helping

DEAR PUZZLED: Go online and research food delivery services in the city or town where your friend lives. Some businesses deliver prepared meals on a weekly basis. Other companies ship boxes of wonderful fruits every month. But before doing anything, ASK your overwhelmed friend what she and her husband think might be helpful rather than try to second-guess.

DEAR ABBY: I'd like to know if there is a nice way of asking my niece and her boyfriend, who are in their mid- to late-20s, not to bring their phones to the dinner table? I have spent days preparing for and cooking holiday meals. The evening was less than enjoyable for me because they were only partly there, and spent most of their time texting and presumably on Facebook.

It's awkward to ask an adult to practice good manners. Any words of wisdom will be much appreciated. – Well-Mannered Lady In The West

DEAR LADY: Explain to your niece that you spend a lot of time, money and effort on presenting these meals, and that you were hurt and offended at their apparent lack of appreciation. It's the truth. Do not preoccupy yourself with trying to be nice or you will weaken the message. Some families solve this problem by insisting their guests place their cellphones in a basket before dinner and reclaim them as they depart. (Just a thought!)

DEAR ABBY: My friend from church casually mentioned that he and his wife recently helped themselves to several buckets of sand from a national park. I'm beside myself trying to understand how they can justify pillaging a natural resource so they can pretend they are at the beach. It's beyond selfish and just plain wrong. What can I say to convince them to return it? Can you help me navigate this conversation while still maintaining the friendship? – Shocked In Hawaii

DEAR SHOCKED: Start by pointing out to your friends that there are serious penalties for doing what he and his wife did. I ran your letter by my former personal assistant, Winni, who lives in Hawaii. She informed me that, according to the Department of Land and Natural Resources, stealing sand from the beaches is not only against the law, but also punishable with fines of upwards of $100,000.

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What can you do when in-laws treat your kids unequally?

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: Here we go again. My husband's family has two nephews to buy presents for, our two boys. Our older was and is the darling of all my in-laws and has many interests they share. Our younger is simply neither of those.

Most of these relatives give our older son flashier and more expensive presents, and the younger, 13, clued into this last year. Think fancy Bluetooth speaker vs. bean bag chair, at a $100 difference. Even my mother-in-law gives them different amounts of cash for birthdays, rationalizing the older needs it more. Argh!

I was raised by parents who saw equal amounts spent as fair. Husband was not, and is loath to make waves. If our younger son were unfazed by repeat unequal gifts, then I'd bite my tongue – and slip in some extra cash to make things equal – but he's not. What to do? – Fazed

DEAR FAZED: I see two choices, really: Tell the in-laws about the effects of their unequal giving, as you've perceived them; or tell your kids you're aware of the problem.

Your husband has a say, of course, but his refusal to "make waves" also doesn't have to stand as the last word. You have equal claim on that. So ask him to talk to his parents about this, and say if he'd rather not do that, then you're going to raise it with the boys directly.

When you do, tell them you think it's terrible, common but terrible, to show siblings unequal attention, and it breaks your heart.

If you're concerned your younger will feel bad to get this message, remember – he's already receiving it from your in-laws. He already feels bad. Your naming it and condemning it sends him the counter-message that he matters and you have his back.

At this point, though, don't just declare how you plan to do that. Instead, ask them how they feel about the situation. Not what they want you to do about it, just how they feel. And don't just ask your younger, ask both of your boys, because favoritism hurts both of them and, often, hurts the relationship between them.

They may surprise you with an answer that makes more emotional sense than anything you'd assume or undertake on their behalf. But even if they don't, they'll be getting a practical exercise in empathy, ethics, family and standing up for themselves.

SOME READERS' THOUGHTS:

■ I was the younger sibling growing up who got the less valuable presents because I didn't share family interests. I received two left boots, as my only present, for multiple years while my brother got expensive gaming systems.

Carolyn's advice is spot on: Kids remember who values them, and showing you care how this affects them now will mean a great deal in the long run.

■ For one set of grandparents I was the Golden Child. "Here, Lesser Child, here is an empty box. You, Golden Child, here: We must open the trunk of the car for all the loot Santa left for you at our house!" Christmas was embarrassing.

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ACROSS
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4 "Arabian Nights" bird
7 Circus arena
11 Nest egg letters
12 Small amount
13 Mountain range near China
14 Skunks
16 Sonar's sound
17 Smuggles
18 Powerful magnate
20 Command to Fido
21 "Wild West" showman
22 Show host
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53 Imaginative
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56 Cornbread
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58 Writes
59 Protein source
60 Natural moisture

DOWN
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2 Golf club
3 Hay unit
4 How to cook your goose
5 Baseball great Mel
6 Throw out
7 Eagles and hawks
8 Homer opus
9 Au pair
10 Rock band booking
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15 Alleviate
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22 Santa's little helper
23 Spring month in Paris
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25 Reporter — Lane
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31 Emma in "The Avengers"
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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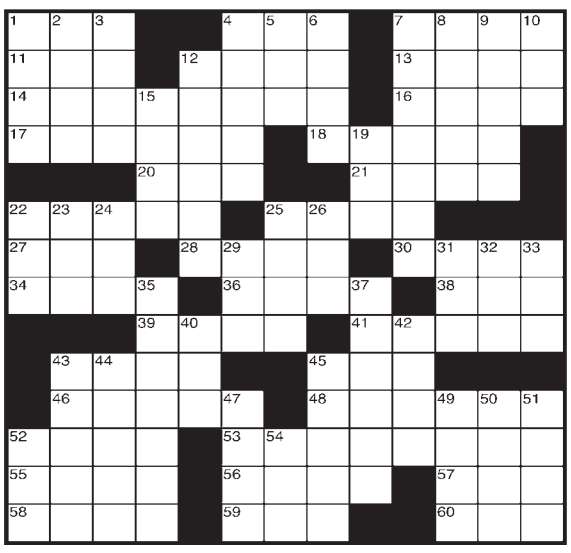

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JUMBLE

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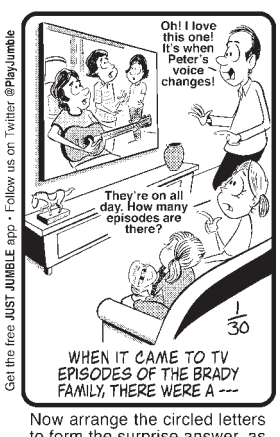
Oh! I love this one! It's when Peter's voice changes!
They're on all day. How many episodes are there?
1/30
WHEN IT CAME TO TV EPISODES OF THE BRADY FAMILY, THERE WERE A ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TINGE ADAGE MERELY HIATUS
Answer: To come up with revenue projections, the owners of the inn — "GUEST-IMATED"

KAKURO

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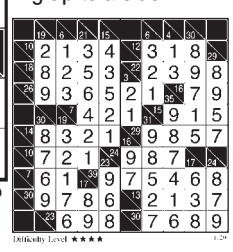
Difficulty Level ★★★★ 1/30

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 1/29

BRIDGE

Here are my answers to the other questions in my Christmas competition.

2. Propose an auction for this deal, West being the dealer.

See the diagram. North might make a takeout double, but his hand looks more like a diamond one-suiter than a three-suiter. After that, everyone is guessing! Five hearts would probably go down one, West losing one spade, one diamond and one club. Against five spades, West leads the heart king and shifts to a low club. Will South guess correctly?

3. Look only at the East hand. North opens one spade. What should East do?

Bid two spades, a Michaels Cue-Bid showing at least 5-5 in hearts and either minor. The hand is a minimum, but what bid better describes it?

4. Look only at the South hand. North opens one diamond, and East passes. What should South respond?

One spade or four spades. It's your call! (I slightly prefer one spade with seven winners and the opponents silent so far.)

5. Look only at the West hand. East opens one spade, and South doubles. What should West do?

Redouble, showing 10 high-card points or more and fewer than four spades. Then, either East-West buys the contract, or North-South plays in something doubled for penalty.

6. Look only at the North hand. West opens seven spades, all pass. What should North lead?

A trump. No second choice. West must be void in diamonds.

North 01-30-21
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♥ 8 4
♦ A K J 5 3
♣ K 7 4

West
♠ 5
♥ K Q 6 3 2
♦ Q 10 9 8
♣ A 9 8

East
♠ 7 4
♥ A J 10 9 5
♦ 7
♣ Q 10 6 3 2

South
♠ A K Q J 10 9 8
♥ 7
♦ 6 4 2
♣ J 5

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
	1♥	2♦	4♥
4♠	5♥	Pass	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ K

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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hp HOME & GARDEN

For your plants' sake, go easy on the salt this winter

By LEE REICH
Associated Press

Lee Reich / AP

An iced-up plant is shown in New York. Winter ice can break plant and human limbs. Rock salt, which can be damaging to plants, is not the only way to clear it from paths.

Removing ice from roads and walkways in winter might be essential for safety, but salt can be damaging to plants and soil.

Salt has the same effect on plant roots as salty potato chips do on your lips: It draws water from living cells. Salt can ruin soil structure so it wads up into an airless mass. Not a nice place for plants to grow.

And damage from winter salt is sneaky, not manifesting itself until spring or later. Then, new leaves might emerge pale green or yellow or, later in the season, leaves may look scorched or turn their autumn colors early. Stems might die back or be stunted.

Older plants can sometimes recover from salt injury, especially if spring and summer rains are abundant.

Mitigate damage

Using less salt can help. Highway studies have found that, in de-icing roads, salt was effective in smaller amounts if sprayed as a brine rather than spread as crystals.

Maybe it's time to get out that garden sprayer again.

And you can leach out much of the salt by flushing the soil beneath a prized tree or shrub in spring with water – using 1 gallon per square foot or a 2-inch depth over the course of a few hours.

Alternatives to salt

Alternative salts – those other than sodium chloride – are another possibility.

Calcium chloride is a frequently used alternative, which, besides being less damaging to plants and soils than sodium chloride, also melts ice faster and is effective at temperatures well below zero degrees.

Sodium chloride, in contrast, loses some of its effectiveness at temperatures above 10 degrees.

Still, calcium chloride does put chloride ion, which plants don't like, into the soil, and it is more expensive and more corrosive to vehicles than sodium chloride.

Chemical (synthetic) fertilizers are all salts, so someone hit upon the idea of using them for de-icing. But besides being more expensive than either sodium chloride or calcium chloride, fertilizers such as potassium chloride or ammonium nitrate are most effective only at temperatures above 20 degrees.

Furthermore, ammonium nitrate is corrosive to concrete, and both compounds have a high "salt index," so are apt to burn plants anyway in the amounts used for de-icing.

Potassium chloride, of course, also can put excess chloride ion in the soil.

A popular, relatively new salt used for de-icing is calcium magnesium acetate, better known as CMA. Produced when limestone and vinegar are brought together, CMA eventually decomposes and is not damaging to plants or soils. It also sticks to the pavement better than salt and does not cause corrosion.

CMA does have shortcomings. It's most effective above 15 degrees (about the same as rock salt). It's slow to begin working. And it's a lot more expensive than salt.

CMA is better at preventing icing rather than getting rid of ice, so is best applied before ice forms.

Yet another de-icing method is to spread something other than salt on the ice; gritty materials such as sawdust, unused kitty litter, wood ash or sand are effective.

Still, nothing's perfect. These materials track indoors unless you take or shake off your shoes at your front door.

Adopt a holistic approach

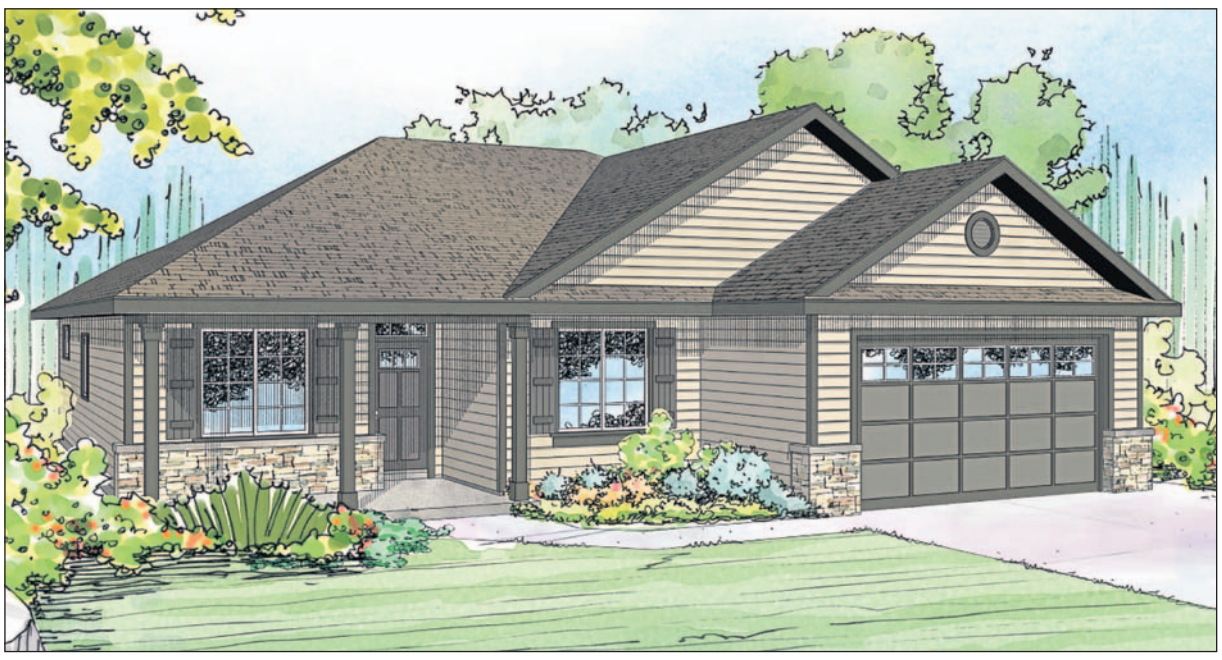
The best approach to ice is holistic. Use a combination of materials that takes into consideration both the traffic and the plants.

If you sprinkle a preventive dusting on the ground before ice forms, you'll need less salt for shoe and tire traction.

And if you're planning some plantings along the road, driveway or walkway, choose from plants that tolerate salt.

Besides plants native to seashores, other salt-tolerant trees and shrubs include silver maple, horsechestnut, honey and black locusts, poplar, junipers, mockorange, lilac, larch and Colorado blue spruce.

HOUSE OF THE WEEK



The Eastford

Decorative shutters, multi-paned windows and front gables put a welcoming face on the Eastford. Slender posts and stone veneer wainscoting add to the exterior appeal of this midsized ranch-style home.

Entering via the covered porch, you step into a vaulted entry that leads directly to the vaulted great room at the rear. But not before passing a wide opening on the left, and a hallway to the right.

The left opening accesses a room that could be a den or a parlor, and links with the kitchen through a pocket door. The hallway on the right leads to a wing of private spaces: a bathroom, two bedrooms and what could be a bedroom, study or office.

Natural light washes into the great room and dining room through windows that fill most of the rear wall. The dining room windows slide open, providing easy access to a covered patio, which could be screened. A fireplace is nestled into the right corner of the great room.

Side windows let even more light into the dining room and kitchen. A flush eating bar bounds the two spaces. Cabinets, appliances and a wide sink line four sides of the kitchen.

The owners' suite fills one entire end of the bedroom wing. Amenities include a walk-in closet, linen closet, double vanity and enclosable toilet and shower. Closing the bathroom's pocket door creates complete separation from the sleeping area.

Laundry appliances are steps away from the bedrooms, in a convenient pass-through utility/mud room with direct access to the two-car garage. The utility room comes outfitted with a deep sink, folding counters and plenty of cabinetry.

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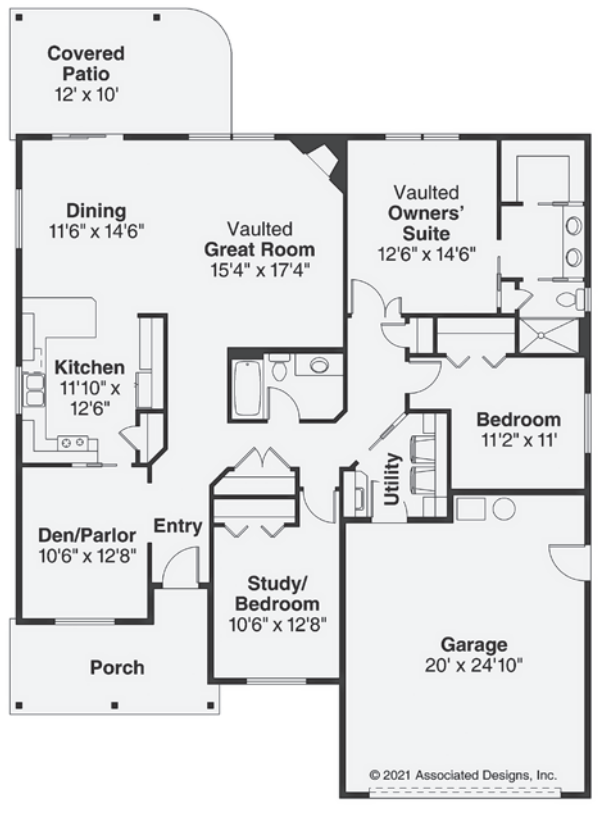

House name: Eastford 30-925

Living area: 1,811 square feet

Garage: 503 square feet

Dimensions: 48-feet by 65-feet-6-inches

Jeff Chiu / AP

A construction crew works on new homes in San Francisco last year.

Four questions to ask when you're buying homeowners insurance

By SARAH SCHLICHTER
NerdWallet (AP)

Purchasing insurance may not be as fun as choosing new furniture and paint colors, but it's a critical part of the homebuying process.

Your homeowners insurance policy is a financial safety net in case of a disaster, so you'll want to ask a few important questions to make sure you have the coverage you need at a price you can afford.

What's the dwelling coverage per square foot?

Imagine that a fire burned your house to the ground and your policy didn't pay out enough to rebuild it.

That could happen if your dwelling coverage – the part of your policy that covers the structure of your home – is too low.

To prevent this, don't simply accept the initial dwelling coverage amount an insurance company recommends.

"Insurance companies use replacement cost calculators, but they're not 100 percent accurate by any means," says Ryan Andrew, president of The Andrew Agency, an independent insurance agency serving Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C.

For a more accurate estimate, ask your insurer to send someone to your house for a replacement evaluation, suggests Amy Bach, executive director of United Policyholders, a nonprofit that advocates for insurance consumers.

You can also ask a local builder who specializes in new construction to estimate your home's rebuilding cost per square foot.

Once you've chosen an appropriate dwelling limit, consider adding extended replacement cost coverage to your policy. With this coverage, your insurer will pay 10 percent to 50 percent more than your dwelling coverage amount to help you rebuild.

This could save you thousands of dollars if building prices spike for unforeseen reasons such as a lumber shortage or high demand after a disaster.

A typically pricier option, guaranteed replacement cost coverage, will pay to rebuild your home regardless of expense.

Do I have multiple deductibles?

Homeowners may not realize that on some policies, higher deductibles may apply for claims due to wind, hail, named storms or other disasters.

For example, say a hurricane causes wind damage to your roof. Your insurance policy might have a wind deductible worth 5 percent of your dwelling coverage rather than the $1,000 deductible that applies to most other claims, Andrew says.

So if your house were covered for $250,000, you'd have to pay for the first $12,500 of damage before your insurer paid anything.

Getting quotes from multiple insurers may help you reduce or eliminate these high deductibles.

What isn't covered?

You might be unpleasantly surprised by your policy's exclusions.

"Flood insurance, which is excluded on almost all homeowners policies, is definitely a big one," Andrew says, adding that this is especially important for homeowners with finished basements.

Even houses that aren't near a body of water could experience flooding during heavy downpours, Andrew says, and a standard homeowners policy is unlikely to cover any damage.

You can buy flood insurance through companies that participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. The program's average flood claim payout was $52,000 in 2019.

Andrew also suggests adding water backup coverage to your policy. This pays for damage due to water backing up into your house from sewer lines, sump pumps or other water lines.

Another common coverage gap involves keeping up with current building laws.

"If you have to make improvements when you're repairing or replacing (your home) because the codes have changed since your house was built, a typical policy will exclude that," Bach says.

Though this can be particularly expensive for older homes, "even a house that was built five years ago is out of code," Andrew says.

Both Bach and Andrew recommend adding ordinance or law coverage to your policy to handle these expenses.

How can I save?

While having the right coverage is generally more important than paying the bare minimum, there are discounts to make your policy more affordable.

Andrew suggests buying your car, homeowners and other insurance through the same company to take advantage of bundling discounts, which can save you 20 percent or more.

"The best way to bring down the price without sacrificing coverage is to raise your deductible," Bach says.

Being willing to pay for smaller repairs yourself rather than filing claims will help keep your premiums low.

If you're confused about coverage and discounts, reach out to an insurance agent to talk through your options.

"Take a little extra time to understand what it is that you're purchasing," Andrew says. "For most people a house is the most expensive asset they have."

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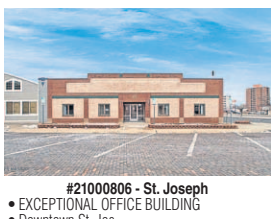

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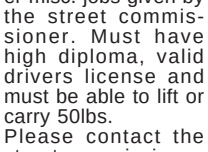

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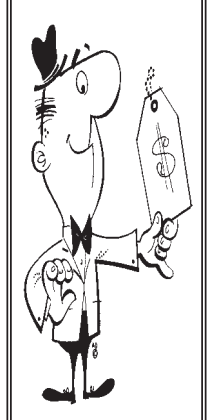

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Property Identification Number of
11-11-0033-0013-01-3.
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COLOMA,

Plaintiff,

v

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES AND SUCCESSORS OF CORA BELL KEIGLEY AND SYLVESTER KEIGLEY, EVELYN B. KEIGLEY FRIDAY, LAURA KEIGLEY MCCONNELL, LEROY KEIGLEY, WILLIAM O. KEIGLEY, EDITH KEIGLEY CARTER, NELLIE KEIGLEY KNAPP, AND VESTA KEIGLEY SCHOENFELD,

Defendants.
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Case No. 21-0004-CHH

Honorable Donna B. Howard
Circuit Court Judge

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At session of said Court held in the County Courthouse, City of St. Joseph, County of Berrien, State of Michigan, on the 13th day of January, 2021.

PRESENT: HON. DONNA B. HOWARD
Circuit Court Judge

TO:
The unknown heirs of Cora Belle Keigley and Sylvester Keigley, Evelyn Keigley Friday, Laura Keigley McConnell, Leroy Keigley, William O. Keigley, Edith Keigley Carter, Nellie Keigley Knapp and Vesta C. Keigley

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

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The names of the Court and the parties involved in the action are given in the caption above.

The proceeding includes a Complaint to quiet title by extinguishing the record interest of any unknown heirs in property located on Lake Drive in Coloma Township, and assigned permanent parcel number 11-08-4200-0039-00-1, and legally described as:

The Southwesterly 30 feet of Lot 39, Keigley's Little Paw Paw Lake Resort, located in the Southeast quarter of Section 9, Town 3 South, Range 17 West, Coloma Township, Berrien County, Michigan (the "Property").

The Complaint seeks an Order quieting title to said Property in the name of the Charter Township of Coloma.

Defendants are notified that the Complaint herein may be answered by filing a copy with the Court at Berrien County Circuit Court, 811 Port Street, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085, with a copy to Plaintiff's attorney at the address given above, not later than 28 days after the last of three publications required by this Order. Defendants are notified that failure to file a response within that time shall subject them to entry of a Default Judgment extinguishing any interest they may have in the Property.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Change begins with you. Look around you, envision how you want things to be and make it happen. Take responsibility for your happiness, and charge forward with enthusiasm and confidence.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Pay less attention to what others are doing and more attention to doing your best. You can make positive changes at home. Don't let uncertainty stand between you and what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Use your knowledge, skills and experience to advance. Beef up your resume, check online job postings and consider what you enjoy doing most. Beware exaggerated or false information. Do your homework.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Make a change at home that will grant you more freedom to entertain, get fit or do things more efficiently. Figure out a way to turn something you love doing into a lucrative side business.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Uncertainty will set in if you let temptation or the decisions someone makes confuse you. Think about what's best for you and your loved ones before making a big move.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A change will give you a new perspective on the possibilities. Don't sit idle when you can engage in something that will get you moving, enhance your love life and encourage growth.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Take your time, sort through information, question anything you find confusing and do what's in your best interest. Dealing with other people's problems will help you prepare for the future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't get angry when you should be taking care of responsibilities. Put the work behind you, and consider the leverage you have moving forward. An emotional matter will resolve itself if you let it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Pay attention to want ads and online job posts, and it will spark your interest in something exciting. A friend or relative will be reluctant to tell you all the facts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Stick close to home. Consider the best way to deal with financial, health or contractual issues that need addressing. Make physical improvements at home that will reduce your overhead.

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

Pay attention to important relationships and to the way you look and feel this year. Stay on top of financial, legal and health issues, and make decisions based on facts and common sense. Don't let anyone interfere in your affairs. It's OK to be different; choose to do things your way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Uncertainty is a warning to sit back and rethink how best to move forward. Don't let anyone step in and take charge. Don't be afraid to try something new; just make sure you're comfortable.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Reach out to people you enjoy working alongside. The ideas you share will lead to a prosperous partnership. Look at the logistics, and distribute the work evenly among those with attributes that will complement your goal.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Establish what you want to do, then start preparing. How you turn your dream into a reality will determine the outcome. Don't fumble your way through something when gathering information and executing your plans with intelligence will make life simpler. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Refuse to let what others do influence you. Don't try and fix what's still working. Use intelligence to navigate your way to the success you desire. Look for unique ways to use your skills, and you'll find your niche. 5 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Emotions and making the right decision will clash. When in doubt, take a step back, breathe deeply and rely on your intellect to guide you down the right path. Make decisions based on facts, experience and what you want to achieve. 2 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Reach out to someone who brings out the best in you. Together you will come up with a plan that will help you find alternative ways to get ahead. A unique idea will lead to a lifestyle change, comfort and convenience. 4 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Sit tight. If you leap into action prematurely, you will have regrets. Let mistakes help you make better decisions as you move forward. Refuse to let a sensitive situation turn into a brawl. Look for opportunities, not setbacks. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take on something that excites you and gives you the push you need to ignite your imagination. A new hobby you can share with someone you love or a plan you make that will enhance your love life is favored. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Check out what's possible, and leave what you cannot change on the back burner for now. Avoid joint ventures; shared expenses or discussions are likely to end with an argument. Be reasonable and responsible for your actions. Focus on peace. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Getting along with a friend or relative will be difficult and leave you confused. Take a moment to rethink what's best for you. Work quietly toward your goal, and don't share your intentions until you've got your ideas in order.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Rely on experience to get you through the day. Don't take the bait if someone tries to goad you into an argument. A steady pace, even temper and a tight fist when it comes to money matters will ward off problems.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Make changes to your lifestyle, property and home environment. Include the ones you love in the process to ensure you have everyone's approval before you start. Someone will offer valid suggestions that can save you money. Romance is on the rise.

CROSSWORD

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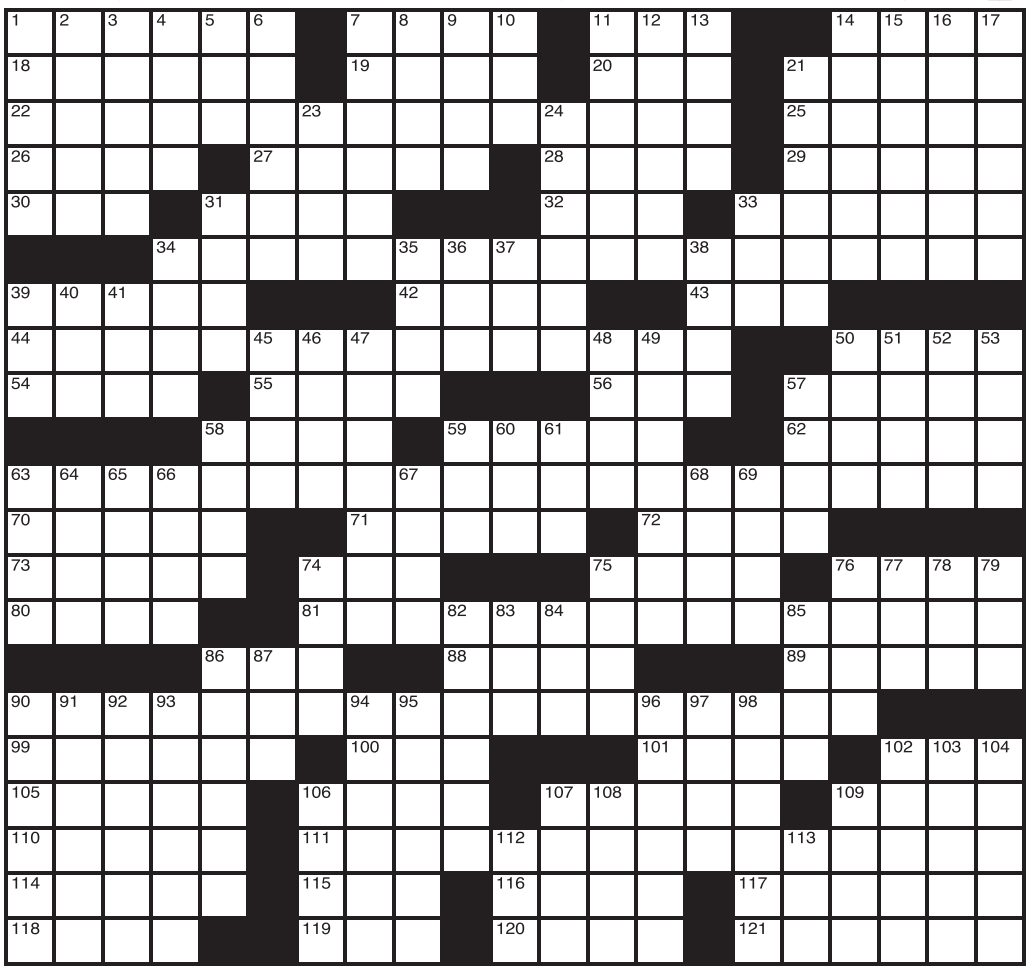
ACROSS

1 Apollo's home
7 Cartesian concept
11 Edwards, in Calif.
14 Spitting sound
18 Early ball game score
19 His given name was spelled with horseshoes in the show's intro
20 Former French coin
21 Ride, but not in a nice way
22 The troublesome soccer player __
25 Fragrant root used in perfumes
26 Actor Morales
27 Covent Garden architect Jones
28 Sprightly
29 Chop finely
30 "Sure"
31 Biol. and chem.
32 Genetic "messenger" initials
33 Many a Degas
34 The bombastic archer __
39 The Destroyer, in Hinduism
42 Appearance
43 2020, por ejemplo
44 The frugal lacrosse goalie __
50 Printer function
54 Mideast gulf port
55 Unassuming
56 Dash lengths
57 Point a finger at
58 "Downton Abbey" title
59 Open, as a bottle
62 Fisherman with pots
63 The daredevil baseball pitcher __
70 Beat, e.g.
71 Scolds, with "out"
72 Live wire's opposite
73 First name in mystery
74 Pro
75 Vintner's prefix
76 European auto
80 Back talk
81 The politically ambitious sprinter __
86 Nintendo debut of 2006
88 "Dies __": hymn
89 Power source
90 The lucky football receiver __
99 Masterful
100 Feverish, maybe
101 Judge
102 Marienbad, for one
105 Sting
106 Single chip, perhaps
107 In pieces
109 Big name in cosmetics
110 Pig out
111 The foolhardy hockey player __
114 Astrological ram
115 Part of HMS
116 Coatrack parts
117 Kvetch
118 Principal, for one
119 Magazine VIPs
120 "Dilbert" intern
121 Scornful smiles

DOWN

1 Contrived
2 Biscotti flavoring
3 Go back over
4 Mythical trickster
5 Biloxi-to-Mobile dir.
6 Sawbones
7 Mischievous
8 Slow party, say
9 MIT Chapel designer Saarinen
10 Dean's email address ending
11 For the __
12 Early hr.
13 On a tight schedule
14 Louisiana's county counterpart
15 Request help from
16 Halloween charity
17 What history repeats?
21 Whopper topper
23 Condo, e.g.
24 Ship's-keel constellation
31 Herring prized for its roe
33 "Piano is not my forte," e.g.
34 Reindeer in "Frozen"
35 "Don't worry about me"
36 Polite address
37 __ canto
38 Dinghy drivers
39 Org. funded by FICA
40 "If I __ to do it again ... "
41 "__ seen worse"
45 Apple variety
46 Prefix with byte
47 Mediterranean sailing vessel
48 Milk source
49 Authorize
50 Passel
51 City WSW of Bogotá
52 "Absolutely!"
53 Unhip type
57 Honk
58 The America's Cup trophy, e.g.
59 One-eighty
60 With "and" and 67-Down, occasionally
61 Brain and spinal cord: Abbr.
63 "__ bien!"
64 "Today" co-host Kotb
65 Floor coverings
66 LAX listings
67 See 60-Down
68 One of three seen in Wood's "American Gothic"
69 Managed care gps.
74 "Tosca" tune
75 Make the first bid
76 Aroma
77 One often talked down to?
78 Brian of ambient music
79 Env. contents
82 Salmon serving
83 Fla. NBA team
84 Italy's equivalent of the BBC
85 Muslim leader
86 Omelet ingredients for some diets
87 "The Addams Family" cousin
90 Algerian quarter
91 Look up to
92 Astronomy Muse
93 Consumed greedily
94 Squealed
95 Sites for vows
96 Birthplace of Solidarity
97 Muralist José María __
98 Moon of Saturn
102 Gunk
103 Reggie Miller, for his entire NBA career
104 Australia's __ Rock
106 "Hard Road to Glory" author
107 Cool drinks
108 "We have met the enemy and he is us" toon
109 "My treat"
112 Antipollution org.
113 "At Seventeen" singer Janis __



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FORD BONUS CASH	- 1,500
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SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 3,665
FORD F-SERIES RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 3,250
FORD BONUS CASH	- 1,500
FORD SELECT INVENTORY RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 750
FORD COMPETITIVE CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 1,000

SALE PRICE* **$40,495**

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MSRP	$43,025
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,530
FORD CREDIT RETAIL BONUS CASH*	- 4,700
FORD COMPETITIVE CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 2,000

SALE PRICE* **$34,795**

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MSRP	$21,240
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 245
FORD RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 3,250
FORD BONUS CASH	- 500
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MSRP	$27,230
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 985
REBATE	- 2,250
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 1,000
CONQUEST TRADE-IN BONUS CASH*	- 2,500
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CONQUEST LEASE CASH*	- 500

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MSRP	$49,685
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 2,440
CHRYSLER CAPITAL RETAIL BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
REBATE	- 2,750
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MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
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MSRP	$34,285
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REBATE	- 2,500
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH	- 750
RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 750
BONUS CASH	- 500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$28,495
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SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$52,745
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
RETURNING LESSEE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS **$51,745**

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MSRP	$37,490
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,495
REBATE	- 2,500
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 750
RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 750
BONUS CASH	- 500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$31,495
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
RETURNING LESSEE CASH*	- 500

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MSRP	$56,725
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 2,730
REBATE	- 1,500
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 500
RAM COUPON	- 250
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$51,745
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Now $17,995

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3.5 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 24K Miles, Navigation, Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Graphite, M20079A
Now $29,990

2008 FORD F-250 XLT SUPERCAB
6.8 V10 EFI Engine, 5 Speed Automatic, Steel Wheels, 116K Miles, Bed Liner Running Boards, CD-Player, Tow Command Center, Remote Keyless Entry System, Oxford White, F20285B
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Now $15,965

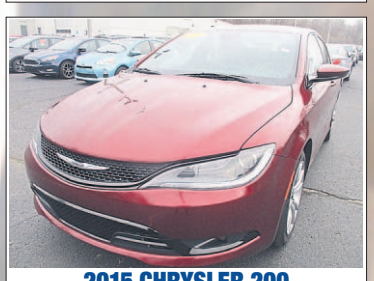
2018 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED SAHARA 4X4
3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 41K Miles, Remote Start, Black 3-Piece Hard Top, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Touch Screen Display, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Granite, C21052A
Now $38,470

2011 JEEP LIBERTY SPORT 4X4
3.7 V6 EFI Engine, 4 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 108K Miles, Power Moon Roof, Remote Keyless Entry System, Natural Green Pearl, F20417A
Now $8,995

2017 TOYOTA SIENNA XLE
3.5 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 92K Miles, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Silver, C20227B
Now $21,902

2014 JEEP CHEROKEE TRAILHAWK 4X4
3.2 V6 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 79K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Steering Wheel, Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Bright White, C21073B
Now $18,556

2019 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4
1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Only 12K Miles! Remote Start, SYNC 3, Power Driver's Seats, Heated Front Seats, Auto Climate Control, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magnetic, C21018A
Now $21,793



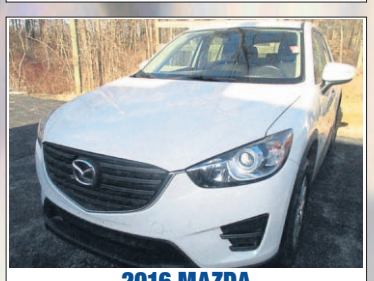
2015 CHRYSLER 200 S
2.4 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 65K Miles, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Touchscreen Display, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Chrysler Certified! Velvet Red, F20460A
Now $13,733

2020 FORD TRANSIT CONNECT XLT 6 PASSENGER VAN
2.0 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Less Than 7K Miles! Power Driver's Seat, Auto Climate Control, SYNC 3, Wireless Phone Charging Pad, Lane Keeping System, Blind Spot Monitor, Pre-Collision Assist, Reverse Sensing System, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Frozen White Metallic, F20526A
Now $26,544

2015 RAM 1500 BIG HORN CREW CAB 4X4
5.7 EFI HEMI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Chrome Clad Wheels, 65K Miles, Remote Start, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Touchscreen Display, Park Assist System, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Bright White, C20065B
Now $26,871

2016 FORD F-350 SRW XLT CREW CAB 4X4
6.7 Power Stroke V8 DIESEL Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, 95K Miles, Bed Liner, XLT Interior Package, CD-Player, Back-Up Camera, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Oxford White, F21042A
Now $40,913

2015 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE SUMMIT 4X4
3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 59K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Panoramic Moon Roof, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Park Assist System, Back-Up Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Brilliant Black, C21079A
Now $26,897



2016 MAZDA CX-5 SPORT AWD
2.5 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 58K Miles, CD-Player, Touchscreen Display, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Freshly Detailed! Crystal White Pearl, U20180A
Now $16,899

2017 JEEP COMPASS TRAILHAWK 4X4
2.4 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Less Thank 12K Miles! Remote Start, Navigation, Power Driver's Seat, Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Back-Up Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Laser Blue Pearl, U20225
Now $24,902

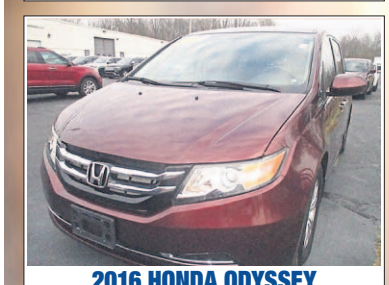
2019 TOYOTA TACOMA TRD OFFROAD DOUBLE CAB 4X4
3.5 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 19K Miles, Security Cover, Bed Liner, Navigation, Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Temp Control, CD-Player, Back-Up Camera, Adaptive Cruise Control, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Calvary Blue, C20065I
Now $36,225

2016 GMC SIERRA 1500 SLE EXTENDED CAB 4X4
5.3 V8 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 83K Miles, Remote Start, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Power Heated Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Stone Blue Metallic, F20442A
Now $28,735

2018 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4
2.7 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 92K Miles, Bed Liner, Running Boards, XLT Power Equipment Group, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Heated Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Reverse Sensing System, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ingot Silver, F20470A
Now $28,952

2018 CHEVY CRUZE LS
1.4 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 27K Miles, Power Windows, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Red Hot, C20176A
Now $13,995

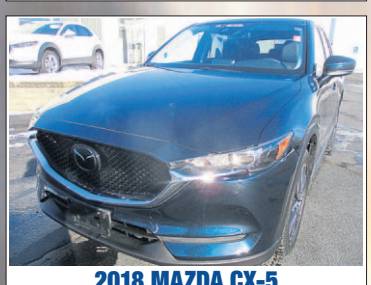
2016 RAM 2500 LARAMIE DIESEL CREW CAB 4X4
6.7 Cummins Turbo DIESEL EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 69K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Security Cover, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Memory Power Adjust Pedals, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Bright White, C21070A
Now $46,999



2016 HONDA ODYSSEY SPECIAL EDITION
3.5 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 71K Miles, Power Front Seats, Power Sliding Side Doors, DVD Entertainment System, CD-Player, Auto Climate Control, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Burgundy, F20504A
Now $19,531

2017 JEEP CHEROKEE LATITUDE 4X4
2.4 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 30K Miles, Remote Start, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Touchscreen Display, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Bright White, U20220
Now $20,913

2018 RAM 1500 BIG HORN CREW CAB 4X4
5.7 V8 HEMI EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 28K Miles, Remote Start, Bed Liner, Heated Front Seats, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Steering Wheel, Park Assist System, Back-Up Camera, Trailer Brake Controller, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Bright White, U20229
Now $34,967



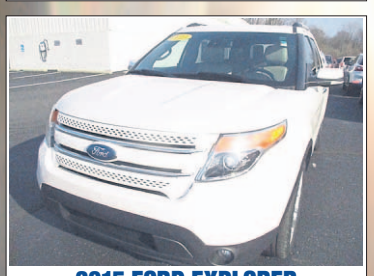
2018 MAZDA CX-5 TOURING AWD
2.5 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 22K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seat, Power Moon Roof, Adaptive Cruise Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross Traffic Alert, Lane Keeping Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Back Up Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Mazda Certified! Deep Blue Crystal Mica, S21000
Now $24,500

2017 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4
2.7 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 93K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Security Cover, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Reverse Sensing System, Back-Up Camera, FX4 Off-Road Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Oxford White, C19274E
Now $30,560

2017 FORD F-250 LARIAT SRW CREW CAB 4X4
6.7 Power Stroke V8 DIESEL Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, 59K Miles, Bed Liner, Power Running Boards, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Twin Panel Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Adaptive Cruise Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Back-Up Camera, Lariat Ultimate Package, Ford Certified! Shadow Black, F21020A
Now $59,725

2013 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4
1.6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 80K Miles, SYNC, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ruby Red, U20219A
Now $10,985

2015 JEEP PATRIOT HIGH ALTITUDE 4X4
2.4 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 103K Miles, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Remote Keyless Entry System, Granite, C20315A
Now $11,924



2015 FORD EXPLORER LIMITED 4X4
3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 144K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Dual Panel Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Lane Departure/Keep Assist, Blind Spot Monitor, Active Park Assist, Reverse Sensing System, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, White Platinum, F21050A
Now $15,971

2004 MAZDA TRIBUTE ES 4X4
3.0 V6 EFI Engine, 4 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 166K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Leather Heated Seating, Power Moon Roof, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Glacier Silver, M20010A
Now $4,180

2017 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4X4
3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 60K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Dual Panel Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Blind Spot Information System, Forward and Reverse Sensing System, Back-Up Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum, F21056A
Now $26,901

2018 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR AWD
3.7 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Steel Wheels, 82K Miles, Ready For The Road Package, 100 Watt Siren and Speaker, Spot Lamp, SYNC, Vinyl Floor Covering, Power Driver's Seat, Remote Keyless Entry System, Shadow Black, F21017A
Now $17,878

2019 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4
2.7 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, Less than 2,000 Miles! Remote Start, Navigation, Security Cover, Bed Liner, SYNC 3, Chrome Step Bars, Pre-Collision Assist, Back-Up Camera, Power Driver's Seat, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magma Red, F21058A
Now $39,767

2015 HYUNDAI SONATA SE
2.4 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 54K Miles, Power Windows, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Lakeside Blue, C20120A
Now $12,324

2019 RAM 1500 LARAMIE CREW CAB 4X4
5.7 V8 HEMI EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 24K Miles, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Touchscreen Display, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Back-Up Camera, Anti-Spin Differential Rear Axle, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified, Delmonico Red, C21029A
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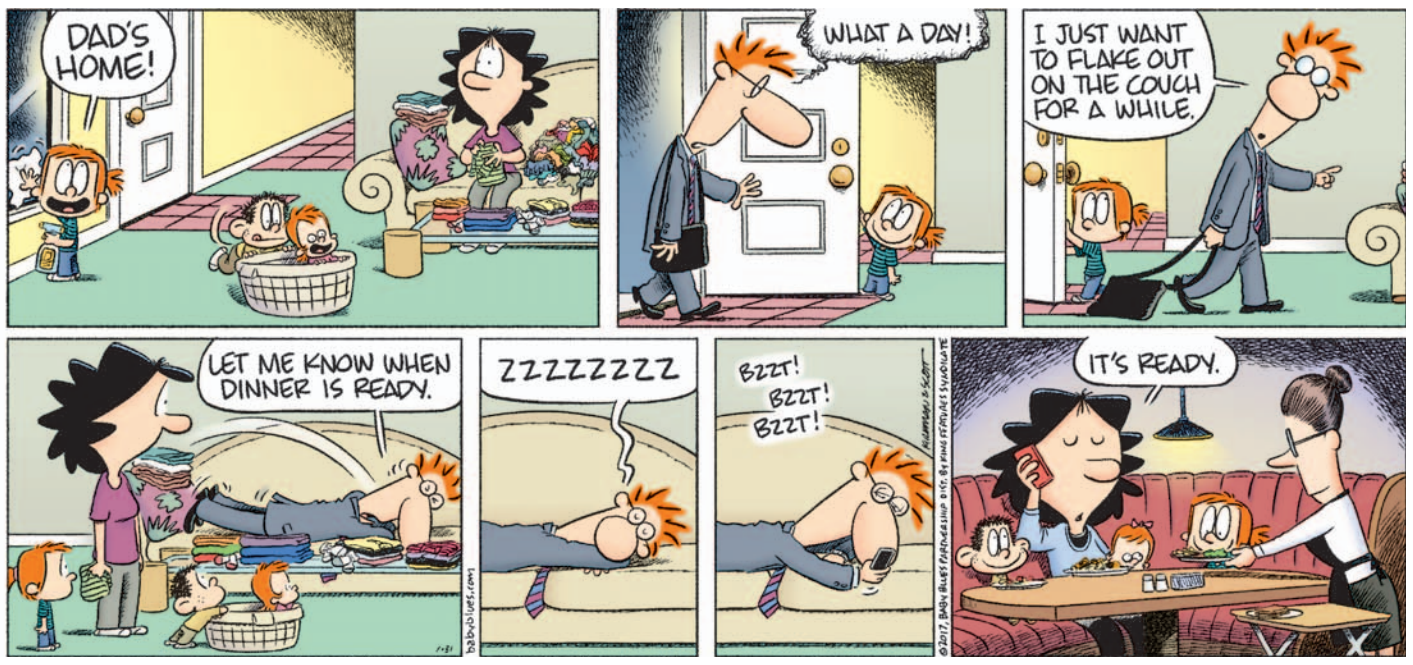

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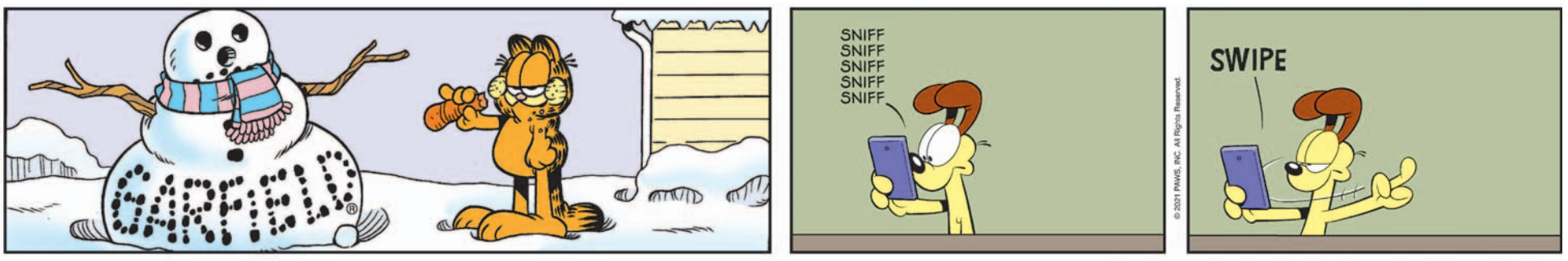

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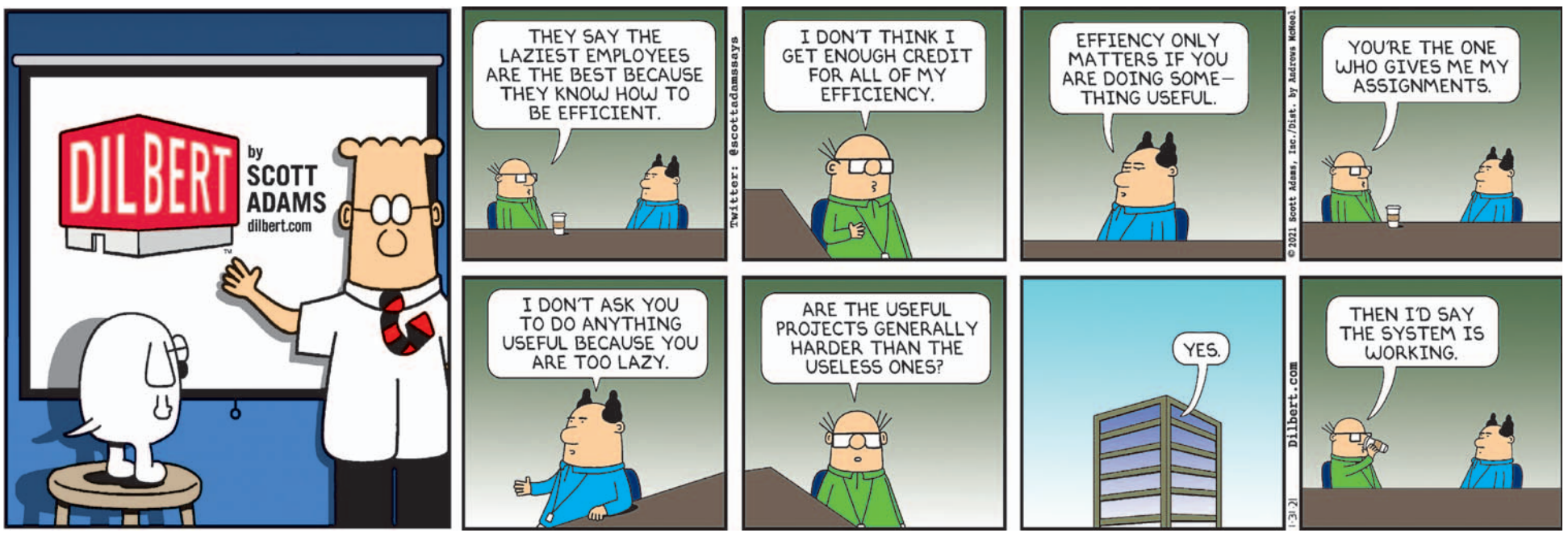
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THEY SAY THE LAZIEST EMPLOYEES ARE THE BEST BECAUSE THEY KNOW HOW TO BE EFFICIENT.
I DON'T THINK I GET ENOUGH CREDIT FOR ALL OF MY EFFICIENCY.
EFFIENCY ONLY MATTERS IF YOU ARE DOING SOME-THING USEFUL.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO GIVES ME MY ASSIGNMENTS.
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I DON'T ASK YOU TO DO ANYTHING USEFUL BECAUSE YOU ARE TOO LAZY.
ARE THE USEFUL PROJECTS GENERALLY HARDER THAN THE USELESS ONES?
YES.
THEN I'D SAY THE SYSTEM IS WORKING.
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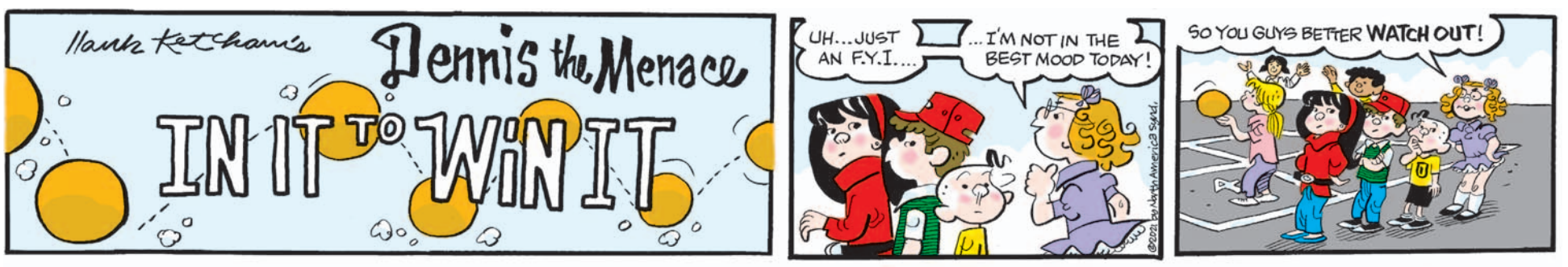
DENNIS THE MENACE

Hank Ketcham's Dennis the Menace
IN IT TO WIN IT


UH...JUST AN F.Y.I....
...I'M NOT IN THE BEST MOOD TODAY!
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SO YOU GUYS BETTER WATCH OUT!
C'MON! COULD THIS LINE BE ANY SLOWER?
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ALL RIGHT! FINALLY! IN IT TO WIN IT!!!
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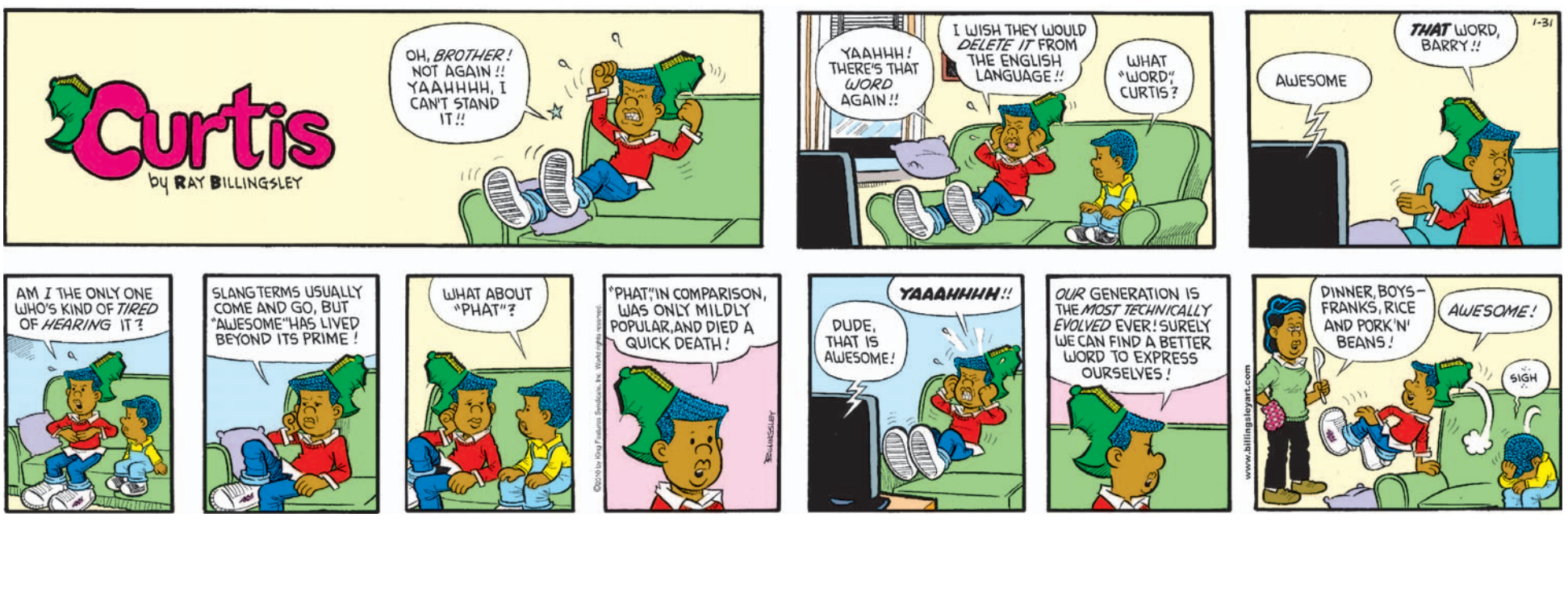
I HOPE YOU'RE READY!
BECAUSE I'M ABOUT TO MAKE IT RAIN!
DING DING RING RING
SAVED BY A CLICHÉ!
CLASSIC!

CURTIS

by RAY BILLINGSLEY


Curtis
by RAY BILLINGSLEY
OH, BROTHER! NOT AGAIN!! YAAHHHH, I CAN'T STAND IT!!
YAAHHH! THERE'S THAT WORD AGAIN!!
I WISH THEY WOULD DELETE IT FROM THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE!!
WHAT "WORD", CURTIS?
1-31
AWESOME
THAT WORD, BARRY!!
AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO'S KIND OF TIRED OF HEARING IT?
SLANG TERMS USUALLY COME AND GO, BUT "AWESOME" HAS LIVED BEYOND ITS PRIME!
WHAT ABOUT "PHAT"?
"PHAT," IN COMPARISON, WAS ONLY MILDLY POPULAR, AND DIED A QUICK DEATH!
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YAAAHHHH!!
DUDE, THAT IS AWESOME!
OUR GENERATION IS THE MOST TECHNICALLY EVOLVED EVER! SURELY WE CAN FIND A BETTER WORD TO EXPRESS OURSELVES!
DINNER, BOYS— FRANKS, RICE AND PORK 'N' BEANS!
AWESOME!
SIGH
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Mort Walker's beetle bailey

BOY, AM I TIRED! I CAN'T WAIT TO GET TO SLEEP!

DO YOU EVER THINK ABOUT THE UNIVERSE? ALL THE TIME

DO YOU THINK THERE ARE OTHER WORLDS LIKE OURS? MOST LIKELY

DO YOU THINK THERE'S LIFE ON OTHER PLANETS? PROBABLY

DO YOU THINK THERE ARE OTHER HUMANS LIKE US? IT'S POSSIBLE

GREG + MORT WALKER

HEY! DO YOU THINK THERE COULD BE TWO OTHER GUYS HAVING THIS SAME CONVERSATION RIGHT NOW? MAYBE

BUT ONE OF THEM IS TELLING THE OTHER TO SHUT UP SO HE CAN SLEEP

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BLONDIE

BY DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL

WELL?

THAT WAS ONE IMPRESSIVE PRESENTATION, BUMSTEAD! THANKS, BOSS

I'D GIVE YOU A HIGH FIVE, BUT I'D BETTER NOT BECAUSE OF SOCIAL DISTANCING I KNOW, BOSS

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TELL YOU WHAT! LET ME GIVE YOU AN ELBOW BUMP TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON A JOB WELL DONE AN ELBOW BUMP?

BOOM!! THERE YOU GO, MY BOY!

AND FEEL FREE TO BRAG ABOUT YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENT!

GUESS WHO GOT AN ELBOW BUMP TODAY?

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MUTTS

OOO EARL, LISTEN...

WHAT !?! I DON'T HEAR ANY-THING. YESH.

SHWEET!

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Hi and Lois

by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ANY MORE ABOUT YOUR FUTURE? I COULD FOLLOW IN YOUR FOOTSTEPS, DAD...

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FIND A GOOD JOB... GET MARRIED... START A FAMILY... 1-31

SAVE FOR THE FUTURE. MOUNTAIN TOP INVESTMENTS

THOSE ARE ALL ADMIRABLE GOALS, SON.

OR I COULD SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE GOOFING OFF LIKE UNCLE BEETLE.

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ERIC REYNOLDS

The FAMILY CIRCUS

BY BIL KEANE

IT'S TOO C-C-COLD OUT HERE! LET'S GO BACK IN!

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FUNKY WINKERBEAN

by TOM BATIUK

OMIX CORNER

SO FUNKY IS GETTING HIS CATARACTS TAKEN CARE OF THIS WEEK?

YES, AND HE'S NOT LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.

IS FUNKY NERVOUS ABOUT THE CATARACT SURGERY?

I'D SAY SO...

HE'S MADE OUT A NEW WILL...

AND HE'S GIVING AWAY ALL OF HIS CLOTHES.

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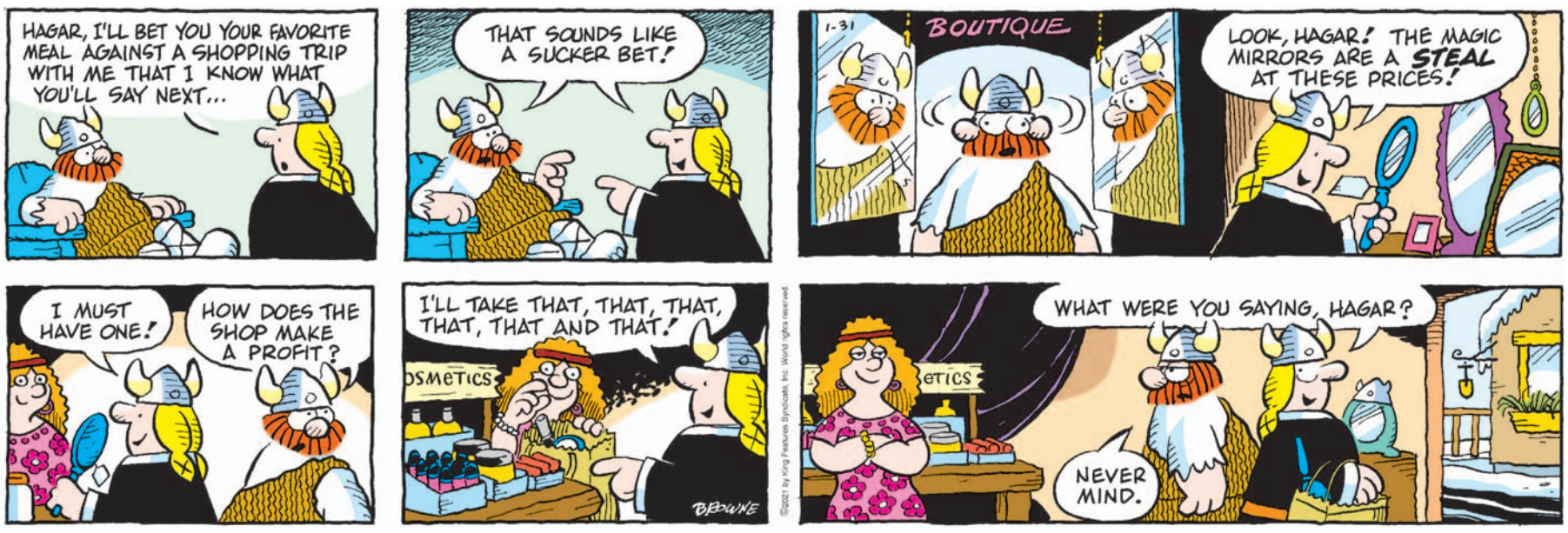
HAGAR the horrible

by DIK BROWNE


HAGAR, I'LL BET YOU YOUR FAVORITE MEAL AGAINST A SHOPPING TRIP WITH ME THAT I KNOW WHAT YOU'LL SAY NEXT...
THAT SOUNDS LIKE A SUCKER BET!
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BOUTIQUE
LOOK, HAGAR! THE MAGIC MIRRORS ARE A STEAL AT THESE PRICES!
I MUST HAVE ONE!
HOW DOES THE SHOP MAKE A PROFIT?
I'LL TAKE THAT, THAT, THAT, THAT, THAT AND THAT!
OSMETICS
BROWNE
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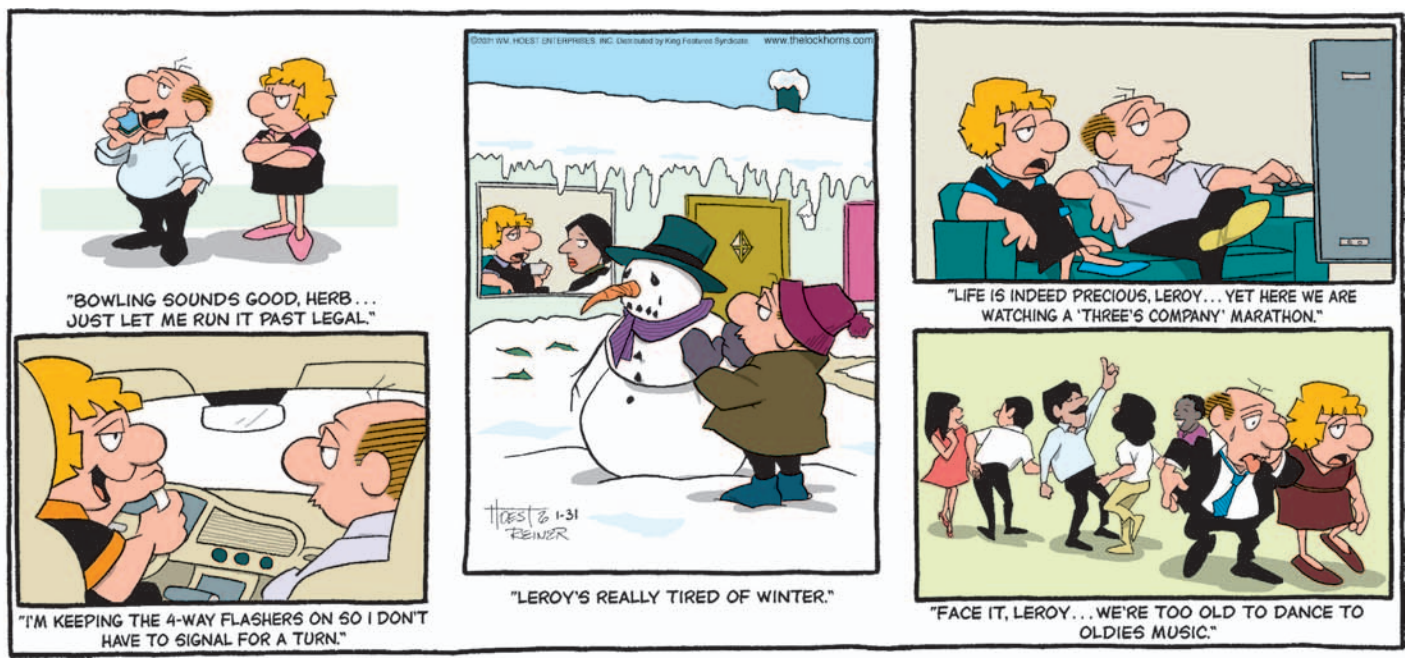
ETICS
WHAT WERE YOU SAYING, HAGAR?
NEVER MIND.

THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER


"BOWLING SOUNDS GOOD, HERB... JUST LET ME RUN IT PAST LEGAL."
"I'M KEEPING THE 4-WAY FLASHERS ON SO I DON'T HAVE TO SIGNAL FOR A TURN."
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"LEROY'S REALLY TIRED OF WINTER."
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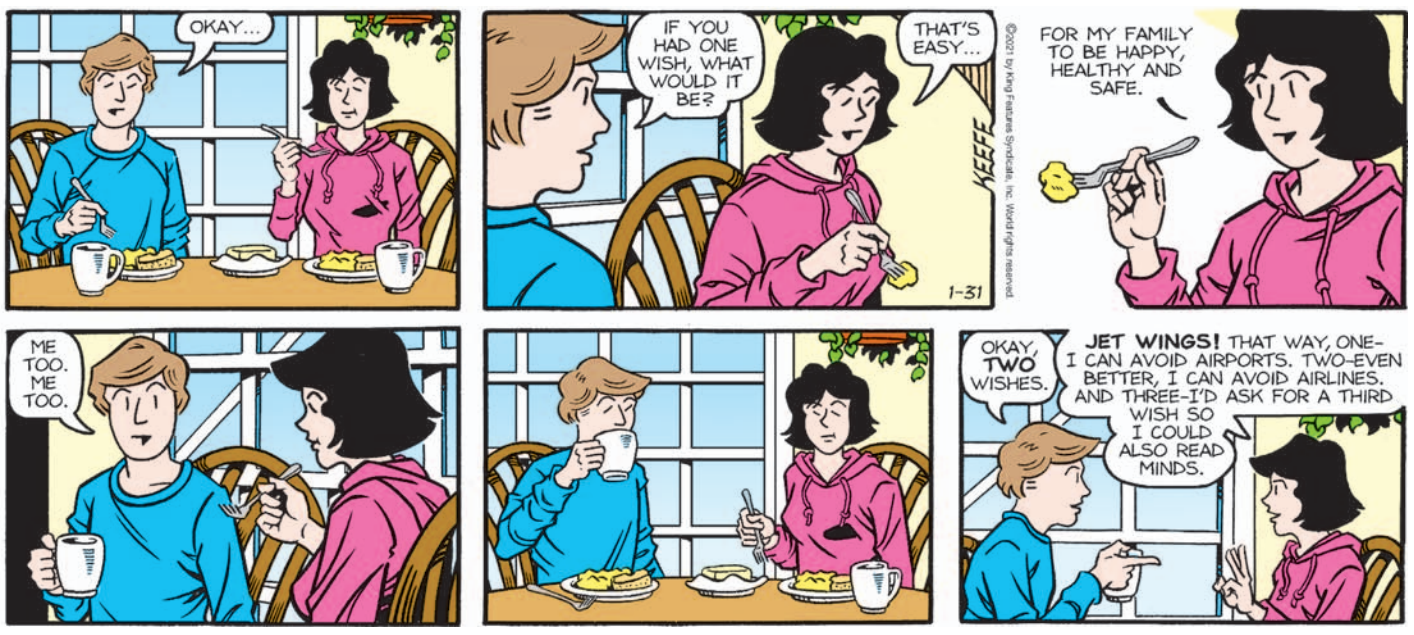
"FACE IT, LEROY... WE'RE TOO OLD TO DANCE TO OLDIES MUSIC."

SALLY FORTH®

by Francesco Marciuliano

PEOPLE OFTEN ASK ME, "MAGICAL GNOME, WHY ONLY THREE WISHES?"
TO WHICH I ALWAYS RESPOND: "IT COULD BE NO WISHES. WOULD YOU PREFER NO WISHES INSTEAD?" THAT USUALLY SHUTS THEM UP.


OKAY...
IF YOU HAD ONE WISH, WHAT WOULD IT BE?
THAT'S EASY...
KEEFE
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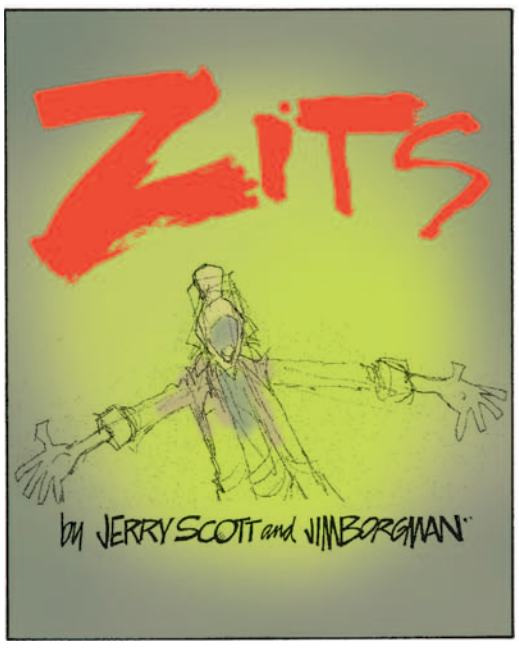
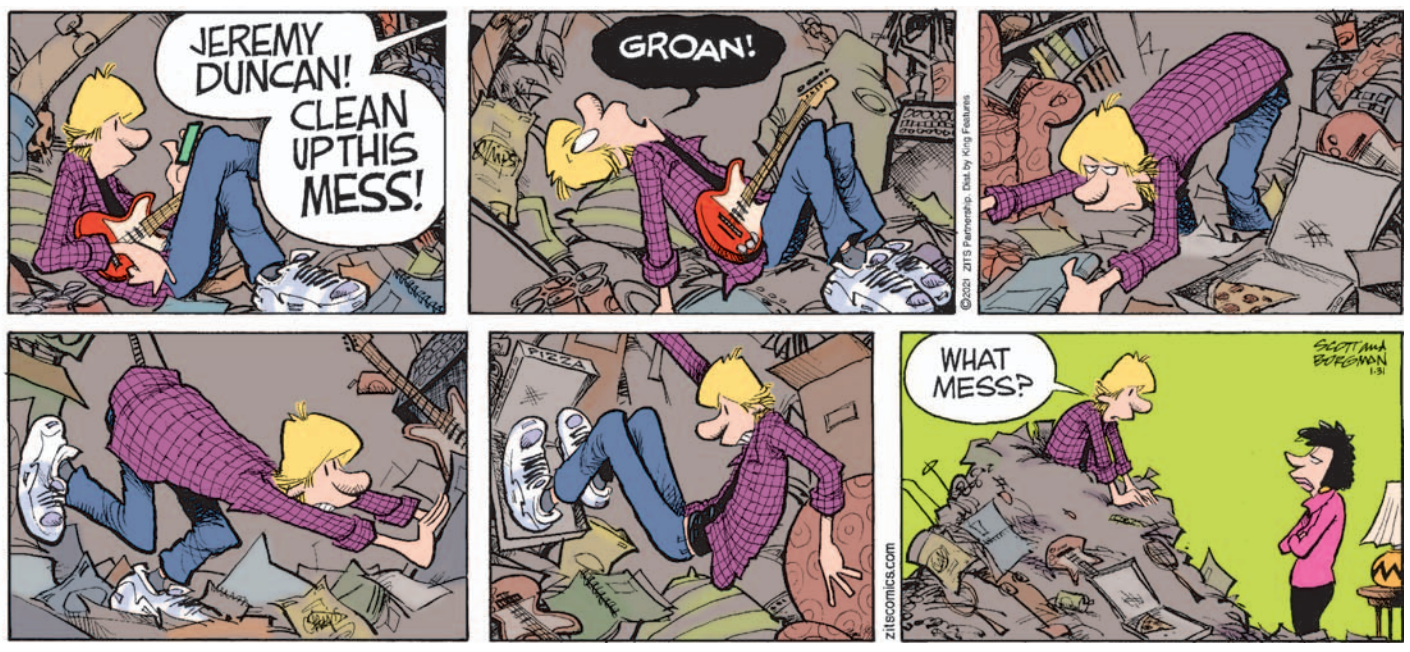
FOR MY FAMILY TO BE HAPPY, HEALTHY AND SAFE.
ME TOO. ME TOO.
OKAY, TWO WISHES.
JET WINGS! THAT WAY, ONE- I CAN AVOID AIRPORTS. TWO-EVEN BETTER, I CAN AVOID AIRLINES. AND THREE-I'D ASK FOR A THIRD WISH SO I COULD ALSO READ MINDS.

ZITS

by JERRY SCOTT and JIM BORGMAN





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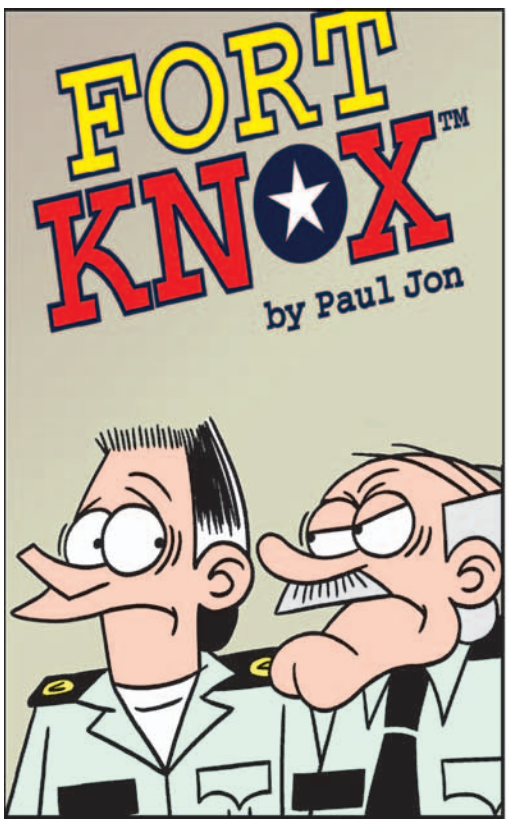

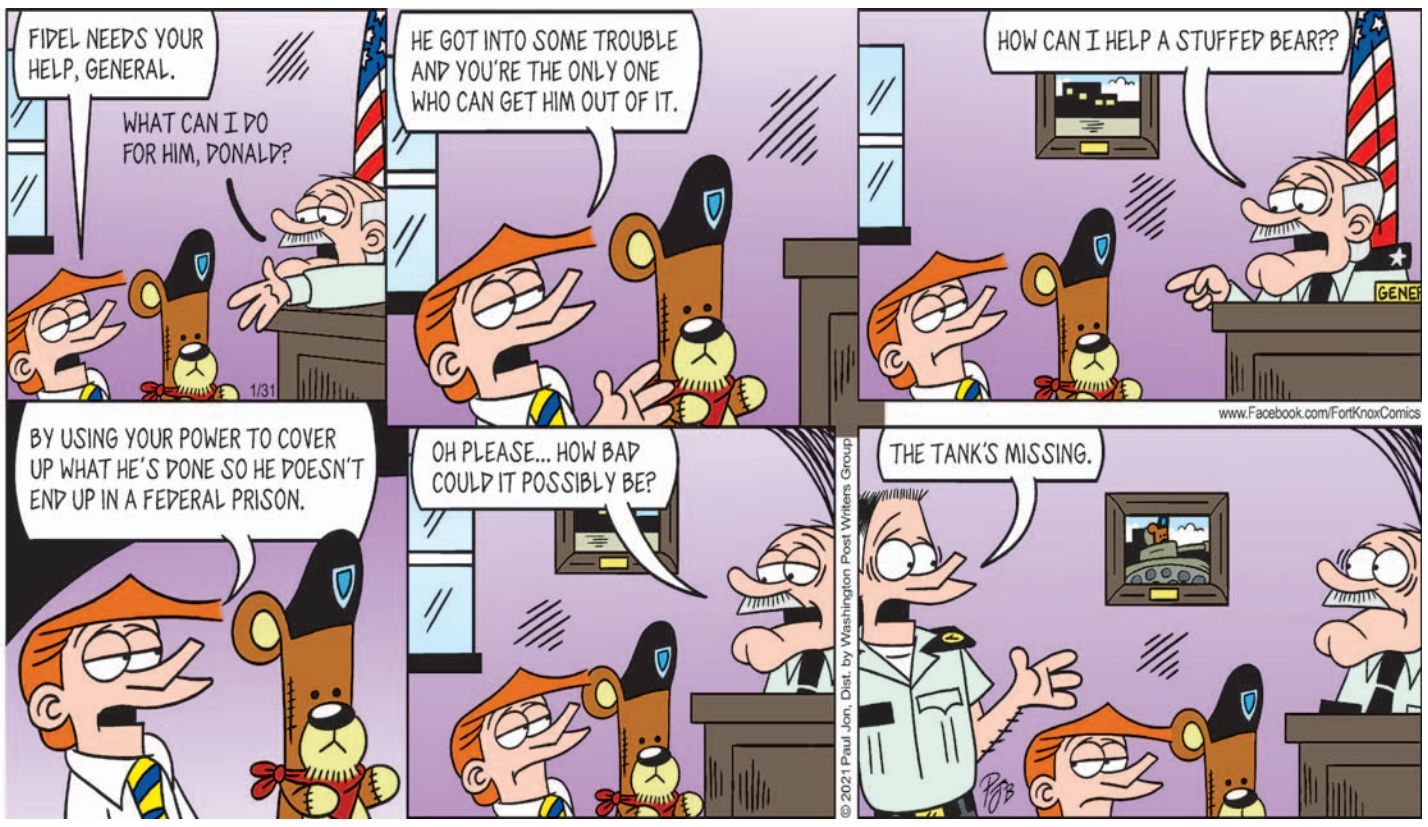
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WHAT CAN I DO FOR HIM, DONALD?
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HE GOT INTO SOME TROUBLE AND YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN GET HIM OUT OF IT.
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WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

OKAY... I'LL ADD BRAKES.

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DUSTIN

By STEVE KELLEY and JEFF PARKER

UUGH!!

WHAT?

I JUST GOT A TEXT FROM MEG.

LOOK AT THAT.

I SEE...

I MEAN, IT LOOKS LIKE JUST A RANDOM COLLECTION OF ACRONYMS AND EMOJIS!

IT MUST BE VERY IMPORTANT.

I DON'T WANT HER TO THINK I'M TOO OLD TO UNDERSTAND IT, SO WHAT I WRITE BACK MUST BE CAREFULLY CRAFTED...

OKAY-- THIS IS THE FUN PART-- WHERE MY DAD WRITES BACK AND PRETENDS HE UNDERSTOOD WHAT MY RANDOM COLLECTION OF ACRONYMS AND EMOJIS MEANT.

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IF ANYONE CALLS FROM THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM... DON'T ANSWER IT.

PICKLES

by BRIAN CRANE

EARL, ARE YOU READY?

EARL, REMEMBER YOU SAID YOU'D GO SHOPPING WITH ME?

I'M READY. LET'S GO.

YOU'RE NOT WEARING THAT SHABBY OLD SWEATSHIRT, ARE YOU?

YES, I AM. IT'S COMFORTABLE AND I LIKE IT.

AND WHEN I LIKE SOMETHING I STICK WITH IT, NO MATTER HOW OLD AND WORN OUT IT IS.

AFTER A REMARK LIKE THAT I DON'T KNOW WHETHER TO KISS HIM OR CLOBBER HIM.

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Bob Weber Jr.'s SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

Slylock Fox posed the following challenge to his students: Count Weirdly is accused of throwing a can of pea soup through his neighbor's window. In addition to Weirdly's fingerprints, there are fingerprints from two others on the can. Why is Count Weirdly most suspected of the crime?

Solution -- The additional fingerprints belong to a grocery store worker that shelved the soup can and a cashier.

ROOM 221b SLYLOCK FOX

Spot six differences between these panels.

Answer -- Hat, sled, star, carrot, button and tree.

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HOW TO DRAW a birthday boy

BOB WEBER JR and SR 1-31

YOUR DRAWING

Today's terrific artist is Colsen, age 12

Submit your black-and-white drawing to **www.slylockfox.com**

The polar bear's skin is ...

a) Pink
b) Blue
c) White
d) Black
e) Striped

Answer -- d)

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